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STORY AND ART BY
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CASE 1

BIRTH OF THE STEAM DETECTIVES

GIVE ME MY BABY BACK! PLEASE !!
THE BOY IS INNOCENT! TAKE ME INSTEAD!
SORRY, THAT JUST WON'T DO
SHAK
!?
SAY "BYE-BYE" TO YOUR PARENTS...
DON'T WORRY, I'LL MAKE SURE HE'S BROUGHT UP PROPERLY
MY BABY-- !!
I AM BIM
I AM

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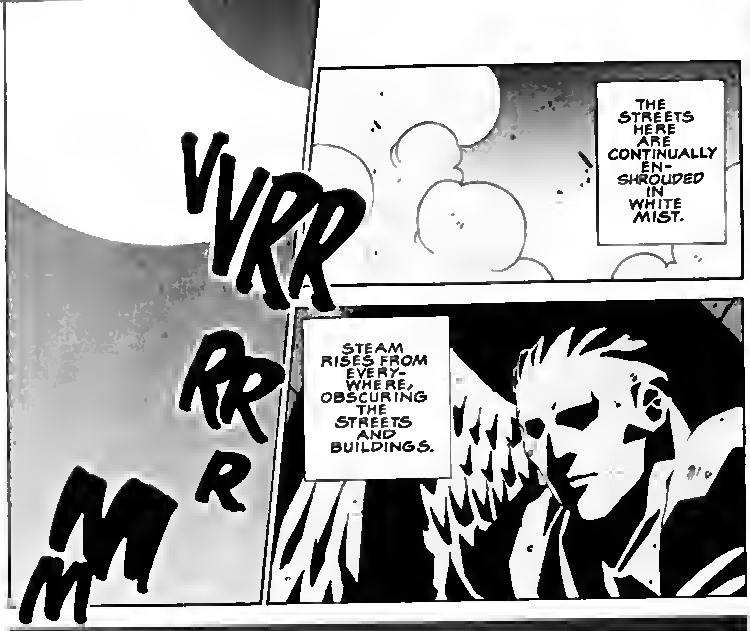
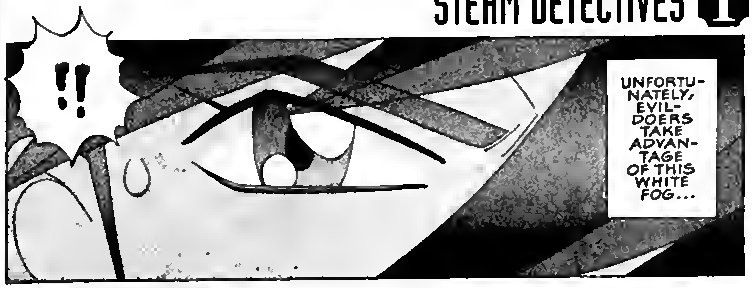

VVRR
RR
R
M
THE STREETS HERE ARE CONTINUALLY ENSHROUDED IN WHITE MIST.
STEAM RISES FROM EVERYWHERE, OBSCURING THE STREETS AND BUILDINGS.

BECAUSE COAL WAS THE ONLY FUEL AVAILABLE...
BONG BONG BONG
...THIS CITY DEVELOPED AN INCREDIBLY ADVANCED STEAM TECHNOLOGY.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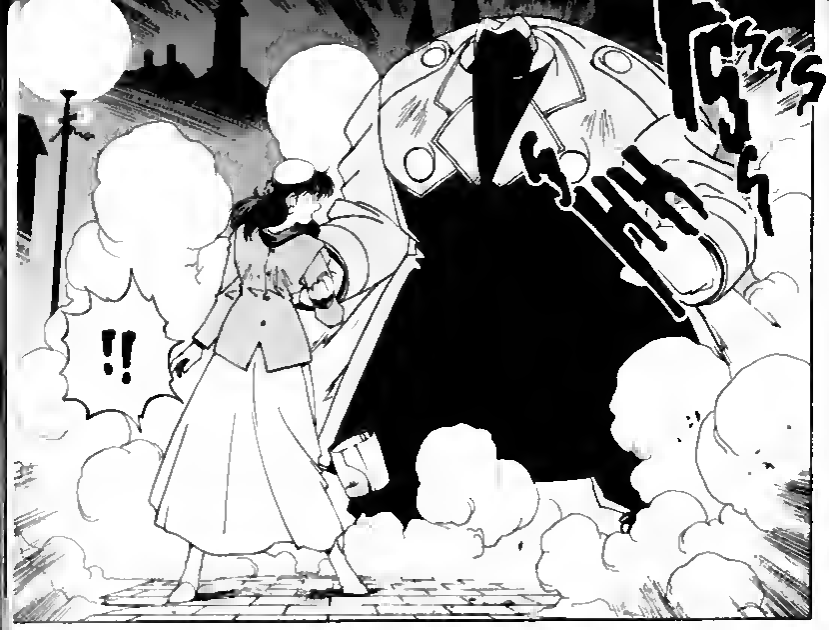
UNFORTUNATELY, EVILDOERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS WHITE FOG...

BONG
BONG
...TO COMMIT COUNTLESS CRIMES AND CONTINUALLY BAFFLE THE POLICE.

AT NIGHT, THE WHITE MIST SHROUDS THE DARKNESS, INTIMIDATING EVERYONE.
TAK
TAK
PEOPLE CALL THIS CITY ENVELOPED IN MIST...
PFFFH
TUMD TMD

...STEAM CITY.
SSHHH
FFH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HHH

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FSSSS
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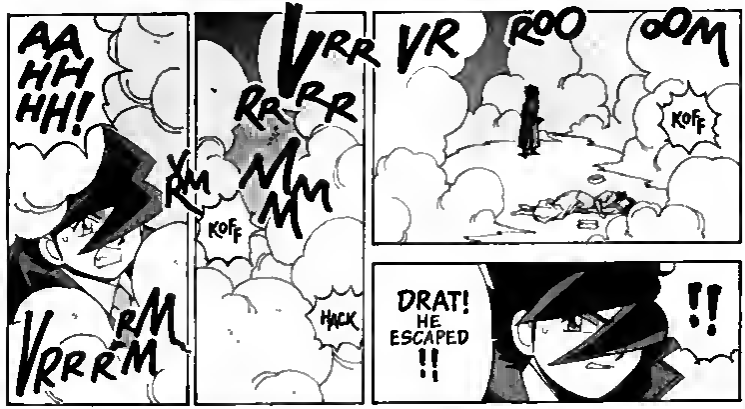
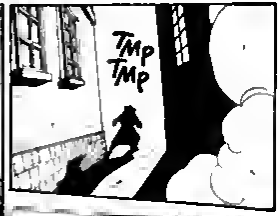
SSSSS
HHH


AAHHHH!
VRRM
RM
KOFF
VRRRM
VRRR
RRRR
MMM
HACK
VR
ROO
OOM
KOFF
DRAT! HE ESCAPED !!
!!

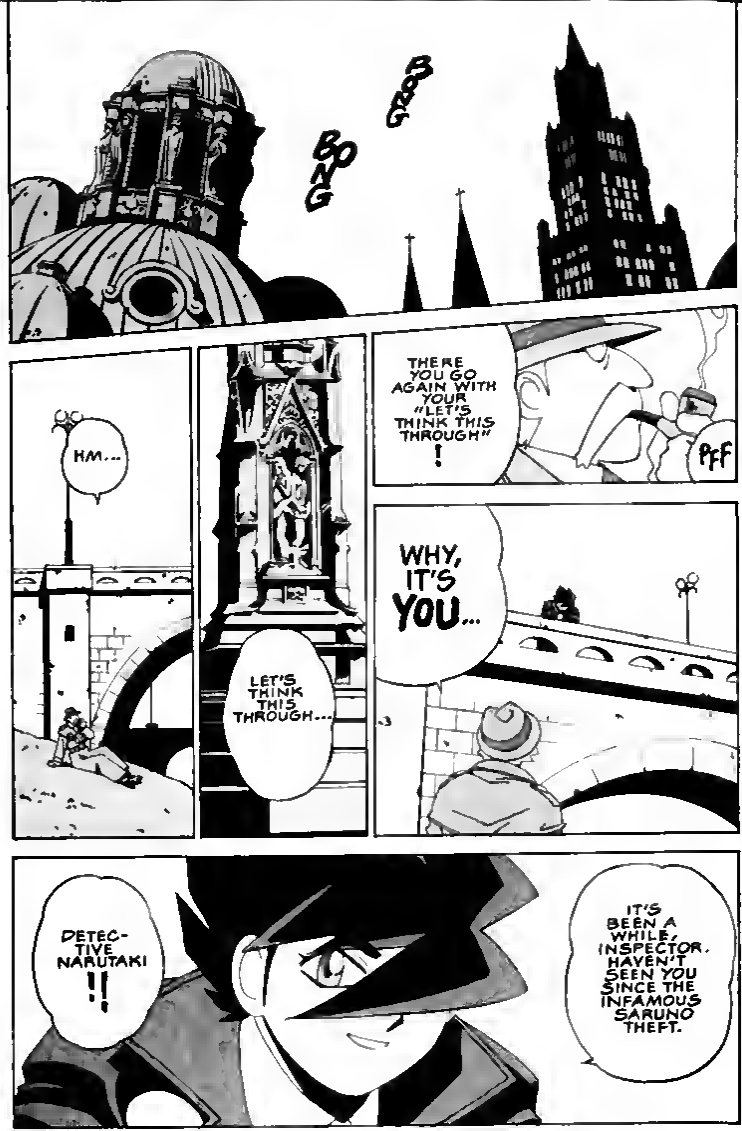
HEEEEP!
BOGGGG

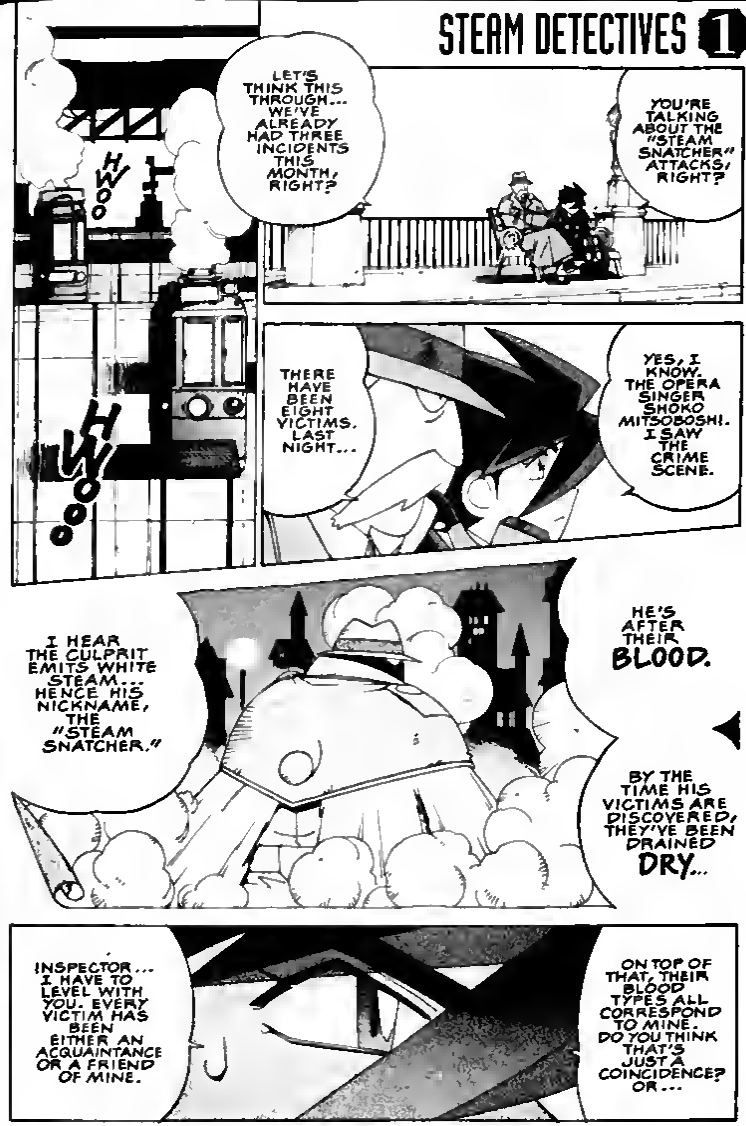
WHAMP


TMP
TMP

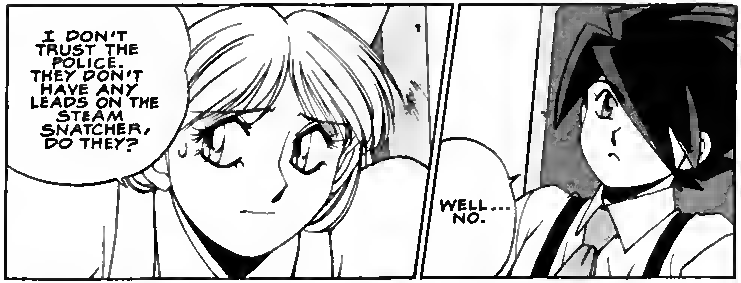
DAMN! WAS I TOO LATE !?!

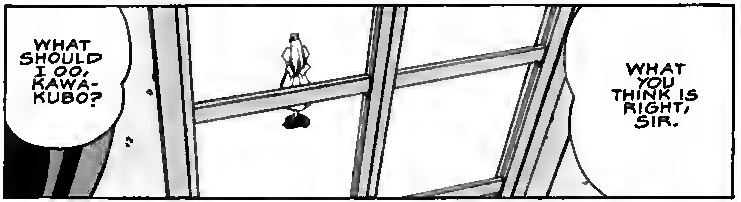
WHY, IT'S M-MITSU-BOSHI !
FWEE
PSHH
MITSU-BOSHI, WAKE UP! IT'S ME!


BONG
BONG
HM...
LET'S THINK THIS THROUGH...
THERE YOU GO AGAIN WITH YOUR "LET'S THINK THIS THROUGH"!
PFF
WHY, IT'S YOU...
DETEC-TIVE NARUTAKI!!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, INSPECTOR. HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE THE INFAMOUS SARUNO THEFT.

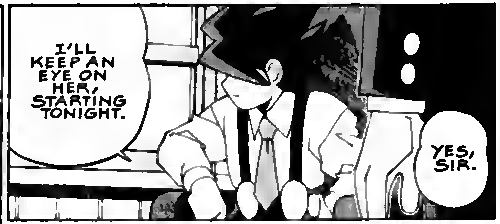

HWOO
LET'S THINK THIS THROUGH... WE'VE ALREADY HAD THREE INCIDENTS THIS MONTH, RIGHT?
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE "STEAM SNATCHER" ATTACKS, RIGHT?
UH-OH
THERE HAVE BEEN EIGHT VICTIMS, LAST NIGHT...
YES, I KNOW. THE OPERA SINGER SHOKO MITSOBOSHI. I SAW THE CRIME SCENE.
I HEAR THE CULPRIT EMITS WHITE STEAM... HENCE HIS NICKNAME, THE "STEAM SNATCHER."
HE'S AFTER THEIR BLOOD.
BY THE TIME HIS VICTIMS ARE DISCOVERED, THEY'VE BEEN DRAINED DRY...
INSPECTOR... I HAVE TO LEVEL WITH YOU. EVERY VICTIM HAS BEEN EITHER AN ACQUAINTANCE OR A FRIEND OF MINE.
ON TOP OF THAT, THEIR BLOOD TYPES ALL CORRESPOND TO MINE. DO YOU THINK THAT'S JUST A COINCIDENCE? OR...

HMM... IF WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME IS TRUE, YOU BETTER WATCH YOUR BACK...
AGREED.
NARUTAKI
DETECTIVE AGENCY
NARUTAKI
KU KK
.....
....
I'M HOME.
SIR, YOU HAVE A VISITOR...
SOME-ONE TO SEE ME ?
KR EEK
HELLO. MY NAME IS LING LING
WHAT WOULD A NURSE WANT WITH ME... ?
THE STEAM SNATCHER IS AFTER ME.
THE STEAM SNATCHER ?
THAT'S RIGHT.
I RECEIVED A NOTE. IT SAID... "YOU'RE NEXT."
PLEASE... I NEED YOUR HELP.
HAVE YOU IN-FORMED THE POLICE ?

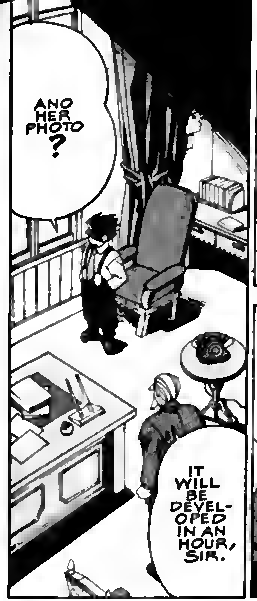

I DON'T TRUST THE POLICE. THEY DON'T HAVE ANY LEADS ON THE STEAM SNATCHER, DO THEY?
WELL... NO.


WHAT SHOULD I DO, KAWA-KUBO?
WHAT YOU THINK IS RIGHT, SIR.

THAT'S WHAT YOU ALWAYS SAY...
MY APOLO-GIES, SIR.


I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON HER, STARTING TONIGHT.
YES, SIR.

SO THE SNATCHER ISN'T JUST AFTER MY FRIENDS.
HMM...


ANOTHER PHOTO?
IT WILL BE DEVEL-OPED IN AN HOUR, SIR.

COMPANY POLICY. GOT TO TAKE A PHOTO OF EVERY CLIENT.
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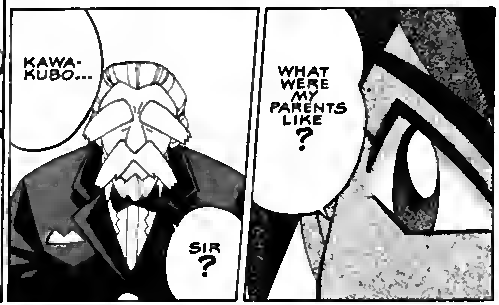

KAWA-KUBO...
SIR?
WHAT WERE MY PARENTS LIKE?

WHAT PROMPTED THIS QUESTION ALL OF A SUDDEN?
LATELY I'VE BEEN HAVING A LOT OF DREAMS ABOUT THEM.
I MEAN, I'M NOT SURE IT'S REALLY THEM, BUT...

...THOSE ARE THE SORT OF DREAMS...
...I'VE BEEN HAVING...

YOUR FATHER WAS AN INCREDIBLE DETECTIVE.
IT WOULDN'T BE EXAGGERATING IF I SAID THAT THE SAFETY OF THE ENTIRE CITY DEPENDED ON HIM.
BUT THE EVIL ONES COULD NOT LEAVE HIM...
BLAM
YOU LOOK JUST LIKE YOUR PAPA WHEN HE WAS YOUR AGE...
.....
...NOR YOUR MOTHER... ALONE
BLAM
I WONDER THE VILLAIN WHO KILLED MY PARENTS...
...IS STILL ALIVE.
AND IF SO... WILL I EVER FIND HIM?

BONG BONG
NURSE'S STATION
STEAM CITY 43
.....
.....
BUNG BONG

AAIIEE EEEEE!
!!
SH
KERREEE

NARU-TAKI !!
!?
HEY !!

THANKS FOR SHOWING UP ON MY FIRST DAY ON THE JOB.
NOW IT'S TIME TO BLOW YOUR COVER, STEAM SNATCHER !!
TMP
TMP

KRR
WHAT ?
AAK

AA
UN GH!

KR AK
WHOA !!
AKK

WHAT THE--?!?

WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE--!?!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
GRAB
IF'S AS IF HE'S AFTER ME INSTEAD OF YOU!
POIT
!?
SSSSTT
WHAT ARE... YOU...
THUNK

FORGIVE ME, NARUTAKI.
FORGIVE ME...

.....
.....
UN NH...
HUH ?
SIR...
ARE YOU AWAKE, SIR ?
KAWA-KUBO...? WHERE AM I-- ?
YOU'RE IN THE BASE-MENT OF THE AGENCY. I FOUND YOU IN AN UN-CONSCIOUS STATE, SO I BROUGHT YOU HERE.
YOU LOST A LOT OF BLOOD, SO I GAVE YOU A BLOOD TRANS-FUSION. YOU'VE BEEN ASLEEP FOR THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS.
SIR...
THANKS, KAWA-KUBO.
IT MUST HAVE BEEN QUITE A HASSLE TAKING ME FROM THE HOSPITAL AND TREATING ME ON YOUR OWN.
THEY TRIED TO STOP ME, BUT I WAS ADAMANT.
WE'RE BETTER EQUIPPED HERE THAN ANY HOSPITAL.
RR
VU
THAT'S TRUE.
THANKS TO MY FATHER'S INHERI-TANCE.
INDEED, SIR.
NOW THEN...
TMP

UNN GH...
THROB
YOU MUST REST...
I HAVE TO FIND THAT WOMAN WHO BETRAYED ME! IT CAN'T WAIT!
SHE BEGAN WORKING AT THIS HOSPITAL ABOUT A MONTH AGO...
APPARENTLY SHE WAS A DEDICATED NURSE, BUT SHE DIDN'T MAKE ANY FRIENDS...
NARU-TAKI!
INSPEC-TOR YAGAMI.
I HEARD YOU HAD A LITTLE RUN-IN WITH THE STEAM SNATCHER.
HE GOT TO ME BEFORE I GOT TO HIM. I NEED YOUR HELP!
HUH?

I'VE GOT TO LOOK HER UP IN YOUR POLICE FILES.
BUT WOULDN'T SHE HAVE USED A FALSE NAME?
PER-HAPS.
HMM...
I'VE FOUND SOME-THING...
REALLY!?
LING LING IS HER REAL NAME. SHE GOT HER NURSE'S LICENSE A YEAR AGO, AFTER LOSING HER PARENTS IN A CAR ACCIDENT...
SHE HAS ONE OLDER SISTER. HER FATHER WAS THE FAMOUS BIO-ENGINEER DOCTOR HSU. HMMM...

KLAKKETA KLAKKETA
HOW COULD SHE BE...
IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE...
...THE SOLE CULPRIT BEHIND THESE INCIDENTS?
BRRM BRRM
KRASH
KRASHH

WHAT THE--!?!
KRUSH

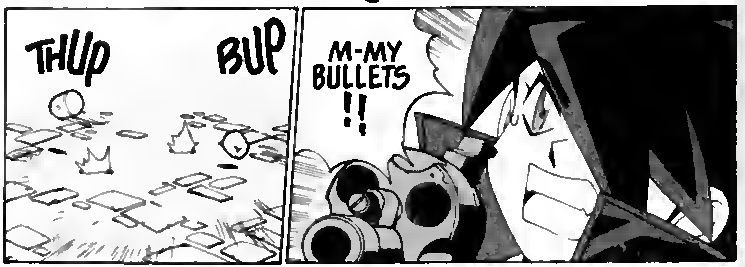
SKREK
BWOOM

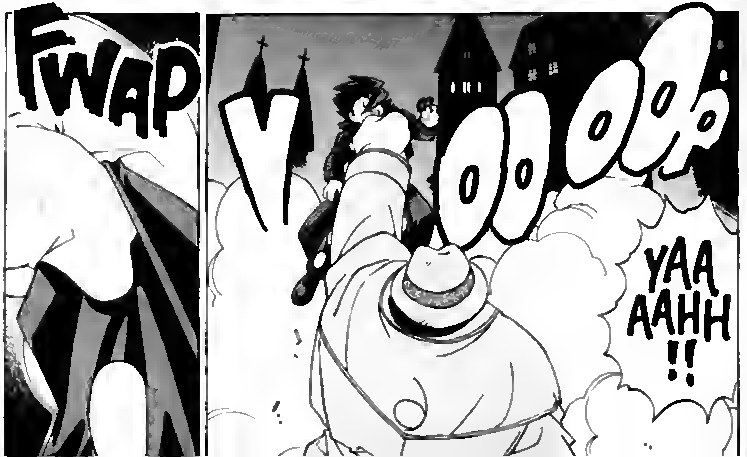
HOLY GUACA-MOLE!
GKCHGKCH
KRISH

YOWCH!
FWEEEEEE
!!

ZIII

CHAK
BWAM
CHK
BWAM
PING
PING


THUP
BUP
M-MY BULLETS !!


FWAP
YOOOOOP
YAA AAHH !!

EGHHH
WHUD
YOW !!

VEEN
WHHH
AK !
AM
TROMP

OH DEAR...
STOP IT STOP IT...
CHIK

AAA
BULLA
TAKE THIS!!
GLOOP
ORRP
EE EEK!
IT'S A GLUE BULLET! YOU CAN'T MOVE A MUSCLE NOW!
GLUP
BLUP

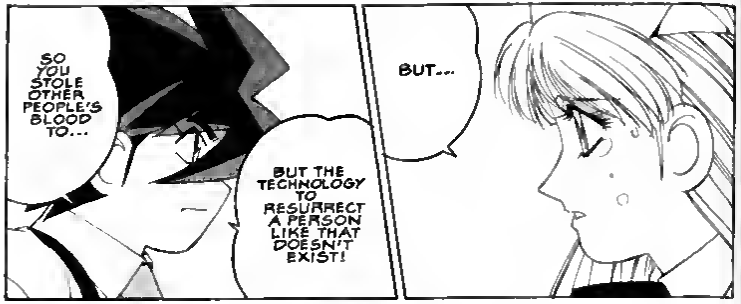
UHHOO
FARR
IT'S A "MEGA-MATON"!!
WE CAN'T TURN BACK NOW!
SO THAT'S WHO-- OR SHOULD I SAY "WHAT"... THE STEAM SNATCHER IS!!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, GORIKI!!
VRR EEEN
YOU STILL DON'T GET IT, DO YOU!?
FSSSHH
SSHH

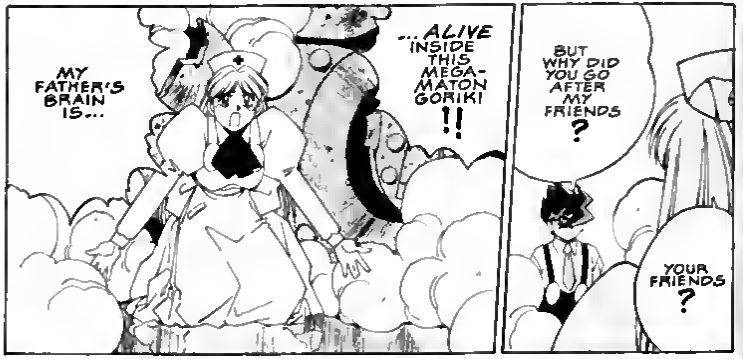
SPA
WOOOSHH

W-WATER--!? FROM WHERE...!?!
YES!
BLOOSH
OOSH
BLOSH
SPRISH
SPRASHH
THE FIRE HY-DRANT!!
SPLLL OOSH
SPLLESH
KREK
KRUK

HEH !!
CHA
CHIK
SH
AAA
AAA
AAA
D
D
D
BOOOM
KRABOOM
SPSS
SHH
UH!

THE MEGAMATON'S STEAM ENGINE IS DEFENSELESS AGAINST WATER. ONCE THE FLAME IS EXTINGUISHED, IT'LL BE OUT OF COMMISSION.
FATHER !! FATHER !!
SPLISH
SPLESH
DON'T DIE !!
"FATHER" ?
S-STOP THE WATER! MY FATHER'S BRAIN WILL DIE IF THE STEAM ENGINE GOES OUT!!
I DON'T GET IT-- YOU'RE SAYING THAT MEGAMATON IS DOCTOR HSU?
THAT'S RIGHT! THIS IS MY FATHER. I TRIED TO BRING HIM BACK TO LIFE... RESTORE HIM TO FLESH AND BLOOD...





HA HA HAAA... I AM THE PHANTOM KNIGHT...
I'VE WAITED SO LONG TO MEET YOU, NARUTAKI!!
FWEEE

THE PHANTOM KNIGHT...??
...IN MY NIGHT-MARES.
YOU WERE...
I DON'T UNDER-STAND, PHAN-TOM!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO HELP ME BRING MY FATHER BACK TO LIFE...
FOOL-ISH GIRL. YOU WERE JUST BAIT...
...FOR THAT KID!
YOU LIED TO ME!
TMP TMP
NO!!
KRAK
AKKK
AIII EEE!!

YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVED YOU COULD BRING SOMEONE BACK TO LIFE THROUGH BLOOD TRANS-FUSIONS?
AS A NURSE, YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER!
I ADMIRE YOUR DEDICATION TO YOUR FATHER... BECOMING A NURSE TO HELP HIM... BUT DOCTOR HSU'S BRAIN IS DEAD!
HIS GREY MATTER IS JUST FLOATING AROUND INSIDE THAT MEGAMATON. YOUR FATHER'S BEEN DEAD ALL THIS TIME!!
I CONTROL THE MEGAMATON WITH THIS DEVICE.
SHOOP
NO! FATHER! NOOO OO!!

GRRR..
NOW THEN, NARUTAKI. COME HERE SO I CAN SEE YOUR FACE.
HA HA HA !
I RETURNED TO THIS CITY JUST TO MEET YOU.
I'M OVER-JOYED TO LEARN THAT YOU'VE BECOME A DETEC-TIVE!
IT MAKES ME UNBEAR-ABLY HAPPY !!
NOW KILLING YOU WILL BE ESPECIALLY PLEASURABLE!! HA HA HA HAAAA!!

SO... THIS WAS YOUR PLAN ALL ALONG !
YOU USED HER TO ATTACK MY FRIENDS !
!?
FSHH
FSSH

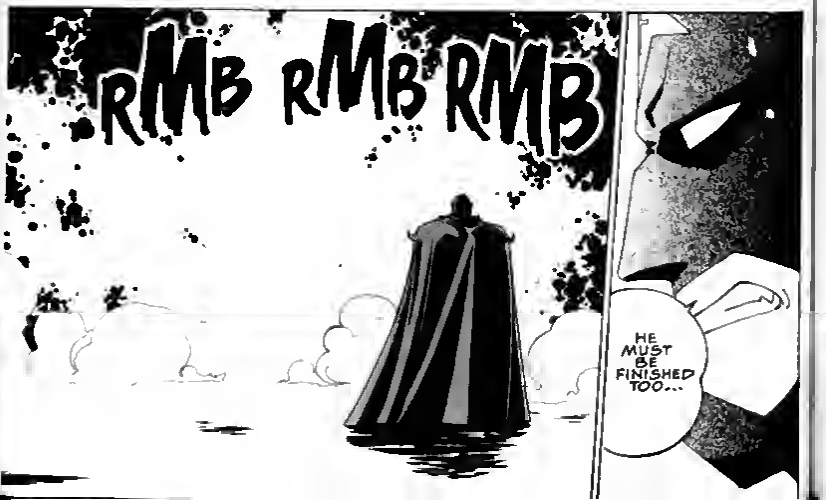
FSSHH
FSSHH
WHEEEEEE
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!? I DIDN'T PRESS ANY BUTTONS !
VR EE N
FFSSHH
HOW CAN HE BE MOVING !?

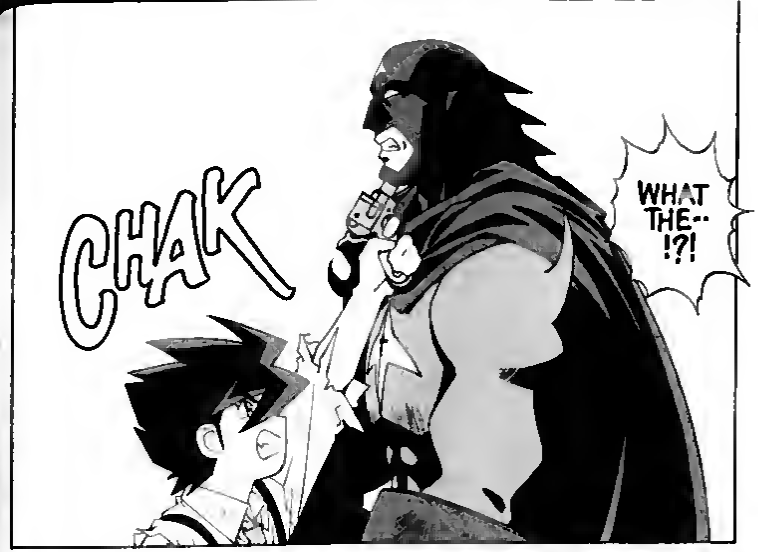
JUMP
SH OOM
WH
JUMP
DID HE ACTUALLY MANAGE TO DEVELOP THE TECH-NOLOGY !?
IS HE RESPONDING TO LING LING'S TEARS !?!

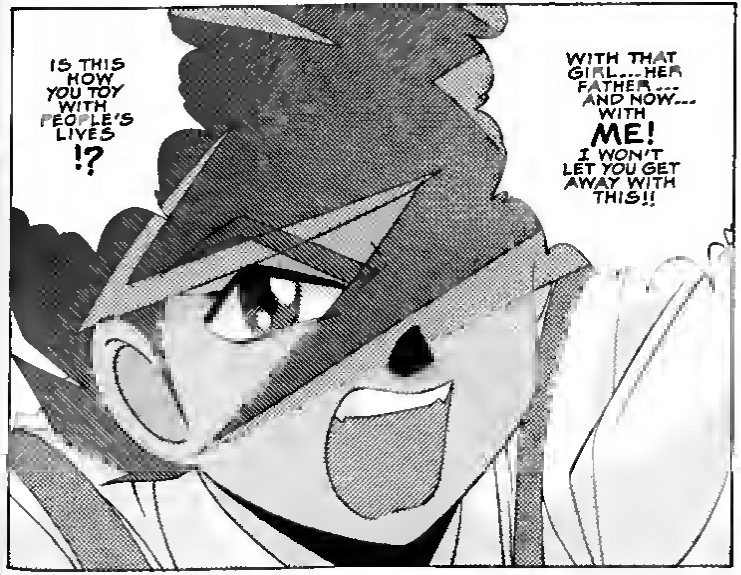
FATHER... ?? ARE YOU... ALIVE !?
VOOOOOP
SHOOP
!!
BAAA
MOOM
IT'S A FIRE BOMB! RUN FOR COVER!!
BUT... MY FATHER !!

BOOOM
FWEE
FWEEEEEE
FWEEE
SPLSHH
SPLSHH

KOOM
BOOM
HMM...
DID I IGNITE THE REACTOR IN THE MEGAMATON? I DIDN'T ANTICIPATE SUCH A LARGE EXPLOSION...
AND WHAT OF NARUTAKI...?


RMB RMB RMB
HE MUST BE FINISHED TOO...


CHAK
WHAT THE..!?!

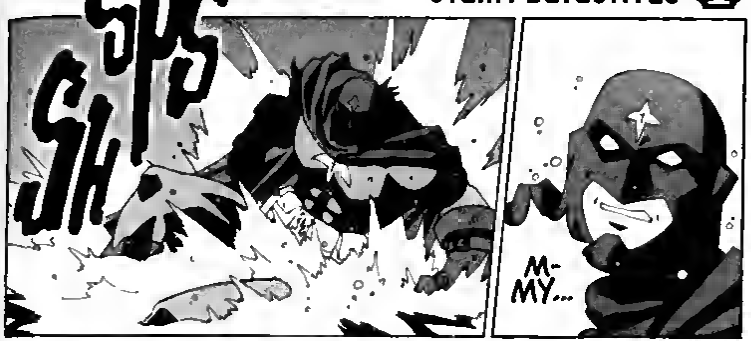

IS THIS HOW YOU TOY WITH PEOPLE'S LIVES!?
WITH THAT GIRL... HER FATHER... AND NOW... WITH ME!
I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH THIS!!

WON'T LET ME GET AWAY WITH IT? GO AHEAD THEN, NARUTAKI! LET'S HAVE A TASTE OF YOUR JUSTICE! GO AHEAD AND SHOOT ME!
NN GH!
BLAM BLAM
VIP
VIP
!?
TA-
TUMP
FWU UP
WA HA HA HA HA!!

HA HA HAAAA. YOU SEE, NARUTAKI ?!?
FACE IT! YOU'RE POWERLESS AGAINST ME--!!
URR GGH.
TH-THAT'S NOT TRUE... I'M GOING TO GET YOU...
ARR GGH!
SKRNCH
KRNCH
SPLISH
THAT'S RIGHT, NARUTAKI! DON'T GIVE UP! LET'S NOT LET THIS END SO SOON. THIS IS ONLY A PREVIEW!
A PREVIEW TO OUR FINAL SHOWDOWN. I'M GOING TO SCARE THE DAYLIGHTS OUT OF THIS CITY--TURN IT INTO YOUR DARKEST NIGHTMARE!!

WILL YOU BE ABLE TO PROTECT YOUR FAIR CITY ?!?
URR GHH !
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE, NARUTAKI! AHD NEXT TIME... I'LL FINISH YOU OFF!
I HATE YOU AS MUCH AS I HATE THIS CITY-- !!
OR SHALL WE JUST END IT HERE ?!
GR R

WH
HMMP
HUH ?!?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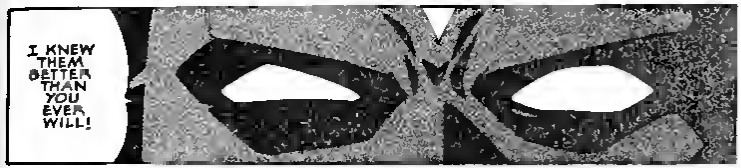
M-MY...

...FIRE BOMB... HOW DID HE-- !?!
KRA
BOO M

KREEK!
KRK
KRECK


I KNEW THEM BETTER THAN YOU EVER WILL!

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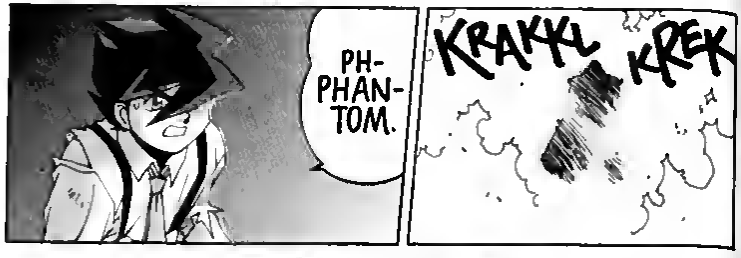
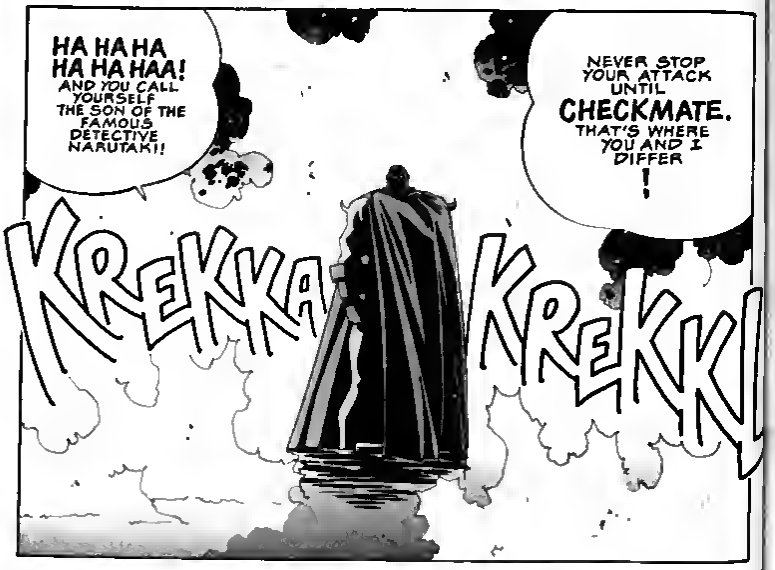
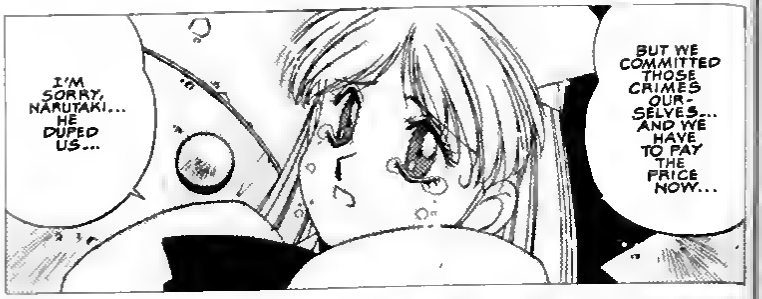
HA HA HAAA! SO LONG, NARUTAKI!
FSSSSH
SSHH
SPL
GO
HSS

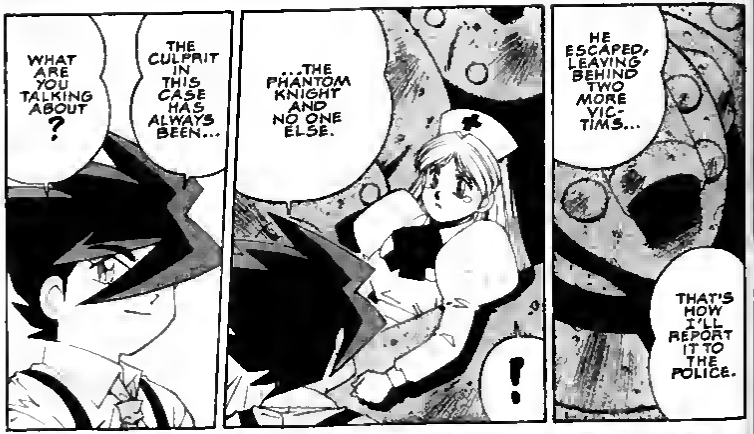

PH-PHAN-TOM.
KRAKKL
KREK

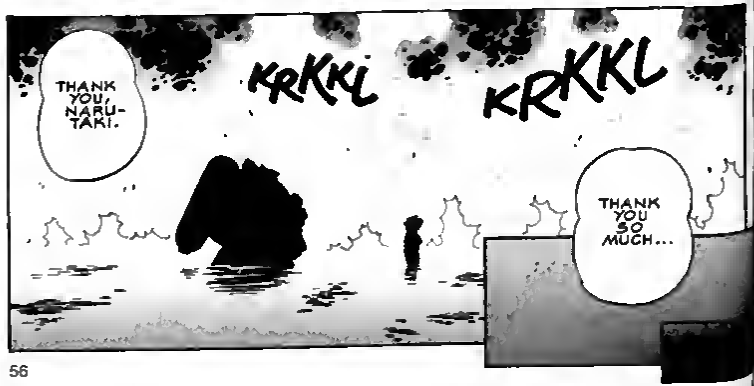

HA HA HA HA HA HAA! AND YOU CALL YOURSELF THE SON OF THE FAMOUS DETECTIVE NARUTAKI!
NEVER STOP YOUR ATTACK UNTIL CHECKMATE. THAT'S WHERE YOU AND I DIFFER!
KREKKA
KREKKL

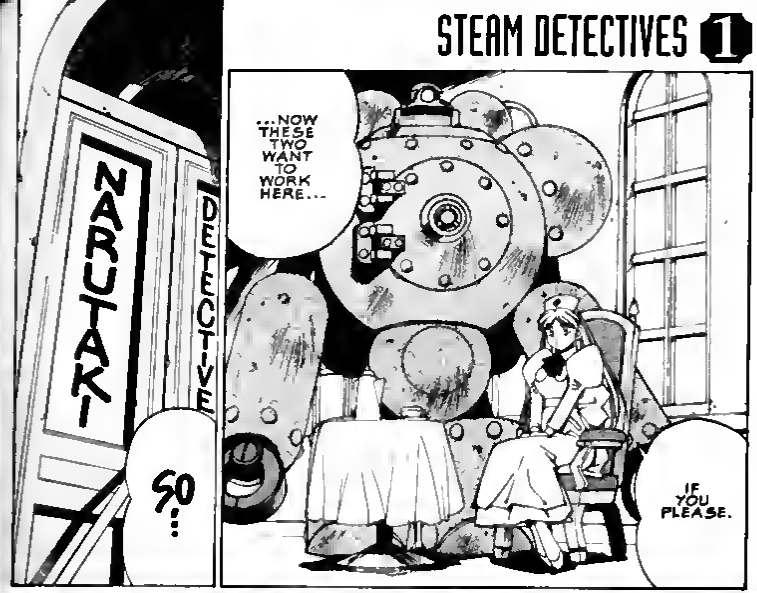
WAIT, PHANTOM! I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU!
YOU KNEW MY PARENTS!? THEN ARE YOU THE ONE WHO--

A SUB-MARINE !?!
HSSH
SHH
FSH
FSH
HH
WE'LL MEET AGAIN SOON!
SSH
HA HA HA HAA !!
HSSH
GLUGG
BLUG
GLUG
GLUG
GUSH
PUSH
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?
Y-Y-YES...


I'M SORRY, NARUTAKI... HE DUPED US...
BUT WE COMMITTED THOSE CRIMES OUR-SELVES... AND WE HAVE TO PAY THE PRICE NOW...


WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THE CULPRIT IN THIS CASE HAS ALWAYS BEEN...
...THE PHANTOM KNIGHT AND NO ONE ELSE.
!
HE ESCAPED, LEAVING BEHIND TWO MORE VIC-TIMS...
THAT'S HOW I'LL REPORT IT TO THE POLICE.


KRKKL
KRKKL
THANK YOU, NARU-TAKI.
THANK YOU SO MUCH...


NARUTAKI
DETECTIVE
SO...
...NOW THESE TWO WANT TO WORK HERE...
IF YOU PLEASE.

WHAT DO YOU THINK I SHOULD DO, KAWA-KUBO?
I THINK YOU SHOULD DO WHAT YOU THINK IS RIGHT.
THAT'S WHAT YOU ALWAYS SAY...
WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE BUSINESS IS GOING TO BE PICKING UP, SO WHY DON'T WE GIVE IT A TRY!

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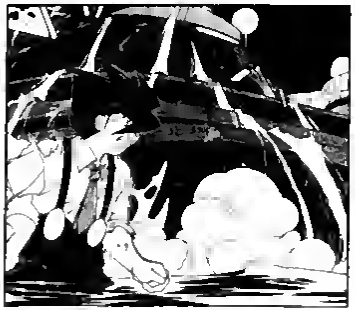
PHANTOM KNIGHT'S SUBMARINE SECRET!



How can a submarine submerge in such shallow water? If we take a close look at the frame on the right, we see that Narutaki is only knee deep in water. Consequently, it's natural to surmise that the canal is at most waist deep. How can anything, let alone a submarine, surface from such a shallow canal? How did the Phantom Knight's submersible manage such a feat?

The key to this mystery lies in the design of the canals. The explanation is quite simple, in fact. The center trough running through the canals is extremely deep, approximately twenty meters.

The Phantom Knight's submarine entered the canal through this passage. Canals run throughout the city. Without canals, this city would never have come into being. The canals provide vital routes for transporting cargo, not to mention the water absolutely necessary for the city's steam technology. Wait, weren't we talking about the submarine? Oops, sorry!

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NARUTAKI DETECTIVE AGENCY HIRES NEW ASSISTANT!

Since the Phantom Knight was revealed to be the perpetrator behind the Steam Snatcher incidents, Ling Ling Hsu, his most recent victim, has joined the Narutaki Detective Agency as Narutaki's administrative assistant. Given her background as a nurse, daredevil Narutaki will undoubtedly be relying heavily on her services. The Steam Megamaton, named "Goriki," has also joined the agency. Goriki is the creation of the late Dr. Hsu.

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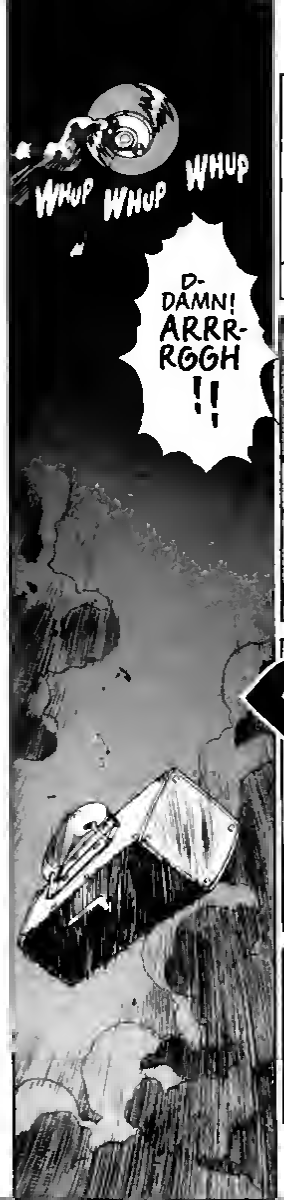
CASE 2
THE GREAT STEAM TRANSPORT

WH UP
TMP TMP
WH UP
WH UP
HUFF! HUFF!
WH UP
WH UP
WH UP
WH UP

HA HA HA HAA! THE MICROFILM IS MINE NOW--!!
TA-TA, NARU-TAKI!!
STOP, MACHINE BARON!!
BAM BAM BAM
WH UP
WH UP
HA HA HAA!
BAM
BAM
TUT, TUT! GUNS AREN'T TOYS, MY BOY!
HUH??


WHUP WHUP WHUP
D-DAMN! ARRR-ROGH !!

YOU LOSE, MACHINE BARON !
TMP
HM MPH !
FU
UMP
WHEW.

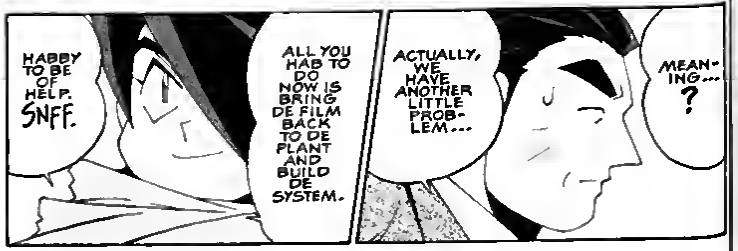
UH-OH...
SPWA SH
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE EVEN-STEVEN NOW !!
I'LL BE BACK FOR THAT MICRO-FILM...!
HEE HAA
GLUB...

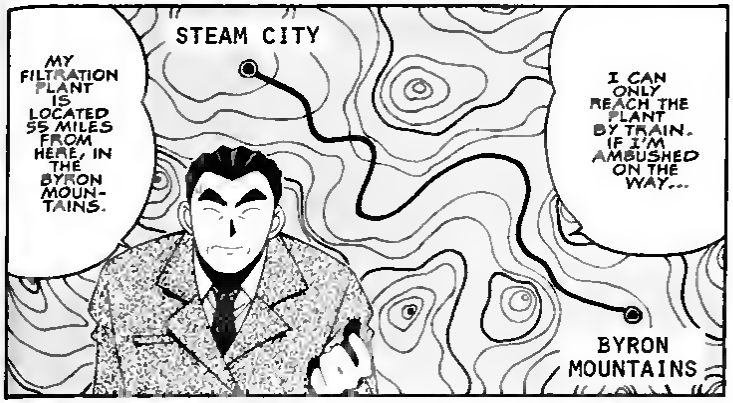
THE STREETS OF THIS CITY ARE SHROUDED IN WHITE MIST.
STEAM RISES EVERY-WHERE, OBSCURING EVERY-THING.
BECAUSE COAL WAS THE ONLY FUEL AVAILABLE HERE...
...THE INHABITANTS DEVELOPED AN INCREDIBLY ADVANCED STEAM TECHNOLOGY.
PEOPLE CALL THIS MIST-BLANKETED CITY...
..."STEAM CITY"!
EVILDOERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPAQUE FOG...
...TO COMMIT COUNTLESS CRIMES, BAFFLING THE POLICE AND INTIMIDATING THE INHABITANTS.
HOWEVER, THERE IS ONE PERSON CAPABLE OF APPREHENDING THESE DASTARDLY CRIMINALS...

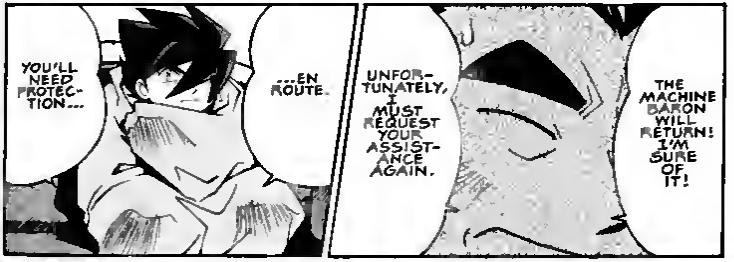
HA AA
...BOY DETECTIVE NARUTAKI !!
CHO?!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE OUT OF COMMIS-SION.
SNFF.
I'M GLAD YOU FINALLY LET ME GIVE YOU AN INJEC-TION.
YOU'LL BE FINE IN TWO OR THREE DAYS.
DAMN. BELL, AT LEAS' I SABED DE MICRO-FILM.
BUT YOU COULD HAVE SKIPPED THAT LITTLE DIP IN THE CANAL. THAT SUIT-CASE WAS WATER-PROOF.
AND IT PROBABLY WOULD HAVE FLOATED.
CHIK
DO YOU HAB TO RUB IT IN, LING LING?
SIR.
YOUR CLIENT, MR. CHAN, HAS ARRIVED.

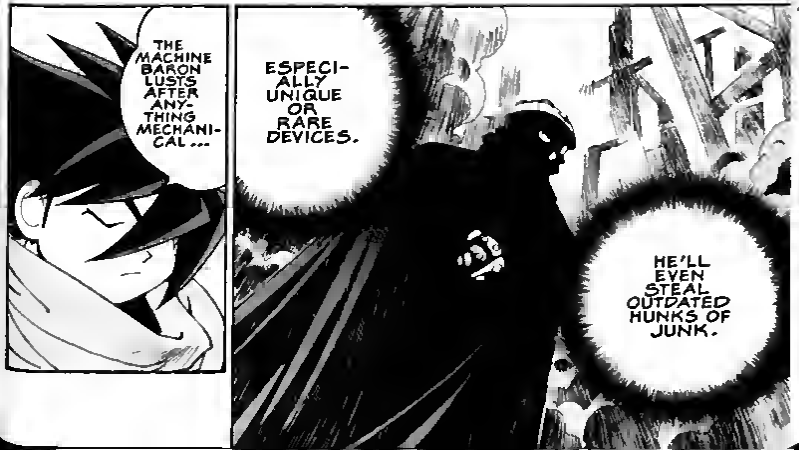
NARUTAKI DETECTIVE AGENCY
HAK HAK
I'M GREATLY INDEBTED TO YOU. WITHOUT THIS MICROFILM, WE WOULD HAVE HAD TO SHUT DOWN OUR ENTIRE WATER FILTRATION PLANT.
WE PROVIDE WATER TO 200,000 CITIZENS. THEIR LIVES WOULD HAVE BEEN IN GRAVE DANGER...
TYRONE CHAN, PRESIDENT OF BYRON SEWAGE WORKS

THIS FILM CONTAINS THE BLUEPRINTS FOR OUR NEWLY DEVELOPED FILTRATION SYSTEM.
HMMM!

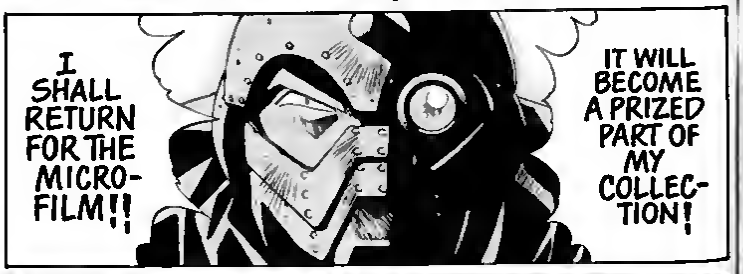

HABBY TO BE OF HELP. SNFF.
ALL YOU HAB TO DO NOW IS BRING DE FILM BACK TO DE PLANT AND BUILD DE SYSTEM.
ACTUALLY, WE HAVE ANOTHER LITTLE PROBLEM...
MEANING...?


STEAM CITY
MY FILTRATION PLANT IS LOCATED 55 MILES FROM HERE, IN THE BYRON MOUNTAINS.
I CAN ONLY REACH THE PLANT BY TRAIN. IF I'M AMBUSHED ON THE WAY...
BYRON MOUNTAINS


YOU'LL NEED PROTECTION...
...EN ROUTE.
UNFORTUNATELY, I MUST REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE AGAIN.
THE MACHINE BARON WILL RETURN! I'M SURE OF IT!


THE MACHINE BARON LUSTS AFTER ANYTHING MECHANICAL...
ESPECIALLY UNIQUE OR RARE DEVICES.
HE'LL EVEN STEAL OUTDATED HUNKS OF JUNK.

A MACHINE FETISH-IST!
THAT'S THE MACHINE BARON !!
KLA KNG
KLA KNG
KLA KNG
KLA KNG
KLA KNG


I SHALL RETURN FOR THE MICRO-FILM!!
IT WILL BECOME A PRIZED PART OF MY COLLEC-TION!

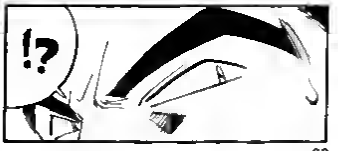
HMMM!

!!
HUH?
I HEARD ALL ABOUT IT, NARU-TAKI!!

D-D-DETEC-TIVE ONIGA-WARA!!
YOU GAVE ME A START.
PROTECT-ING MR. CHAN IS A JOB FOR THE BUREAU!!

BESIDES, YOU'VE SOLVED SO MANY CASES, YOU'RE MAKING US LOOK BAD...
NEVER FEAR, I'M HERE! MR. CHAN WILL BE SAFE AND SOUND AS LONG AS I'M AROUND! HA HA HA HAAA!

CAN I RELY ON THIS NUT?
BEATS ME.

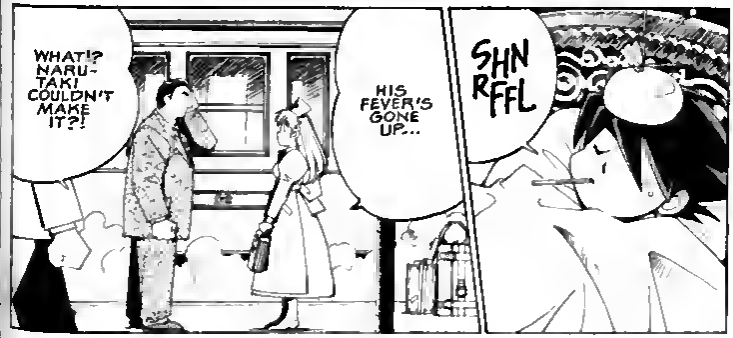

!?

LING LING! HOW COULD YOU!
BUT I--
NOT EVEN MY OWN GIRL-FRIEND TRUSTS ME...
WHOSE GIRL-FRIEND ?!?
ANY-WAY... LEAVE IT TO ME!
I'LL MAKE SURE MR CHAN MAKES IT TO BYRON !!
B-B-BUT...
!
OKAY-- I'LL ACCOM-BANY BOD OF YOU.
NGH...

AS YOU WISH- AS LONG AS YOU GIVE ME YOUR WORD, LING LING, THAT YOU'LL ACCOMPANY ME TO THE CINEMA IF I PERFORM MY DUTIES SUCCESS-FULLY...
WHAT KIND OF A DEAL IS THAT ?!
YOUR TRAIN DEPARTS TOMOR-ROW MORNING AT TEN?
THAT'S COR-RECT.
THEN IT'S SETTLED! WE'LL ALL GO!
TMP
UHH..
WOO WOO
NARU-TAKI !!
WHU
LIMP
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?

FSSSSHHH
HHHHHH
EEEEEEEEEE
.....
....
SSS
FS
SSSHHH

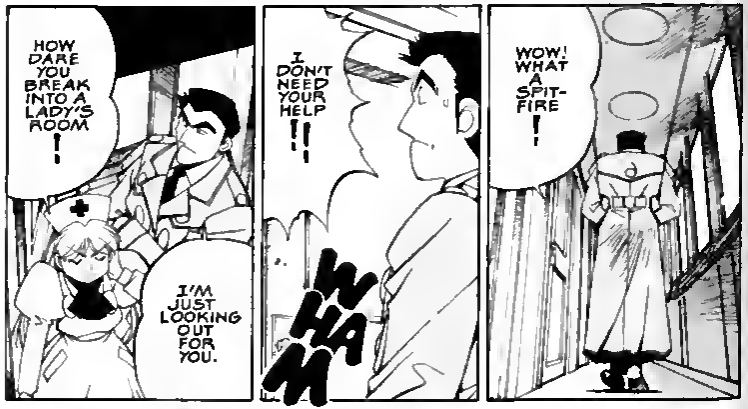
NSSSSHHH
HHHHHH
FSSSSHHH

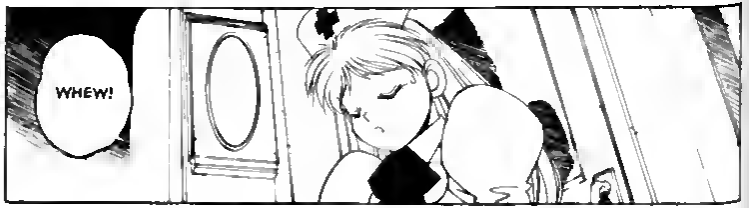

WHAT!? NARUTAKI COULDN'T MAKE IT?!
HIS FEVER'S GONE UP...
SHN RFFL

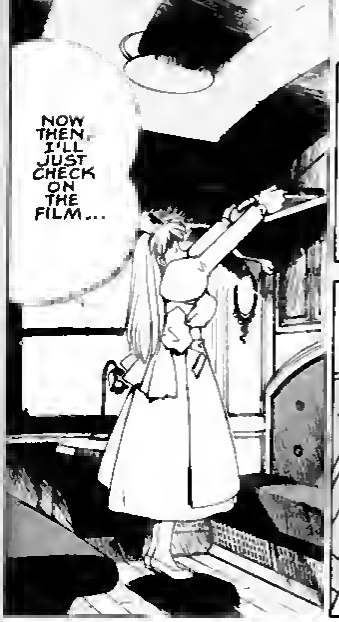
WELL, MR. CHAN, LOOKS LIKE IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US. WE'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE THE BEST OF IT.
SO, UMM... WHAT I WAS THINKING WAS, HOW ABOUT IF I GO IN NARUTAKI'S PLACE...?
TEE HEE
HUH ??
B-B-BUT...
PW EE EE E
E EEE EE T
WORRY WORRY WORRY !
HOW CAN A LITTLE SLIP OF A THING LIKE THAT PROTECT ME...?

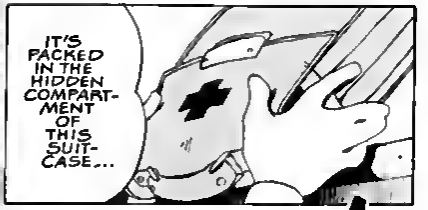
I PUT THE LUGGAGE IN THIS LOCKER. I'LL BE IN THE CABIN NEXT TO YOURS.
WH-WHAT ABOUT THE FILM...?
THAT'S CLASSI-FIED INFORMA-TION.
WHAT !?!
NARUTAKI TOLD ME NOT TO TELL ANYONE, NOT EVEN YOU. THE LESS PEOPLE WHO KNOW ITS WHEREABOUTS, THE BETTER!
REST ASSURED THAT IT'S IN A SAFE PLACE. I HID IT MYSELF !
THAT'S WHAT I'M WOR-RIED ABOUT...
HUF HFF
WE'LL BE DEPART-ING MOMEN-TARILY.
OH, OKAY...
CHK
MY TICKET...
!
!

DETECTIVE ONIGAWARA ...
LING LING, THIS ISN'T A GAME. HAND OVER THE FILM AND GO HOME.

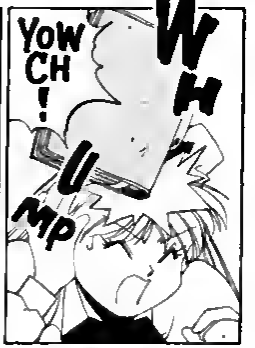

HOW DARE YOU BREAK INTO A LADY'S ROOM!
I'M JUST LOOKING OUT FOR YOU.
I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP!!
WOW! WHAT A SPIT-FIRE!

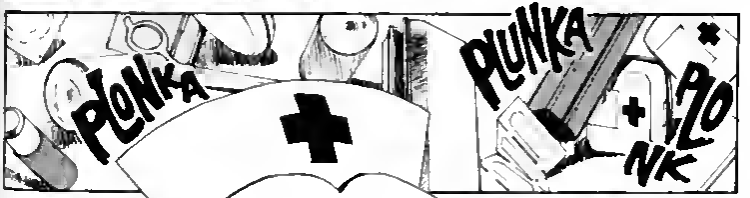

WHEW!


NOW THEN, I'LL JUST CHECK ON THE FILM...


IT'S PACKED IN THE HIDDEN COMPART-MENT OF THIS SUIT-CASE...

SHLIP
EEE EEK!

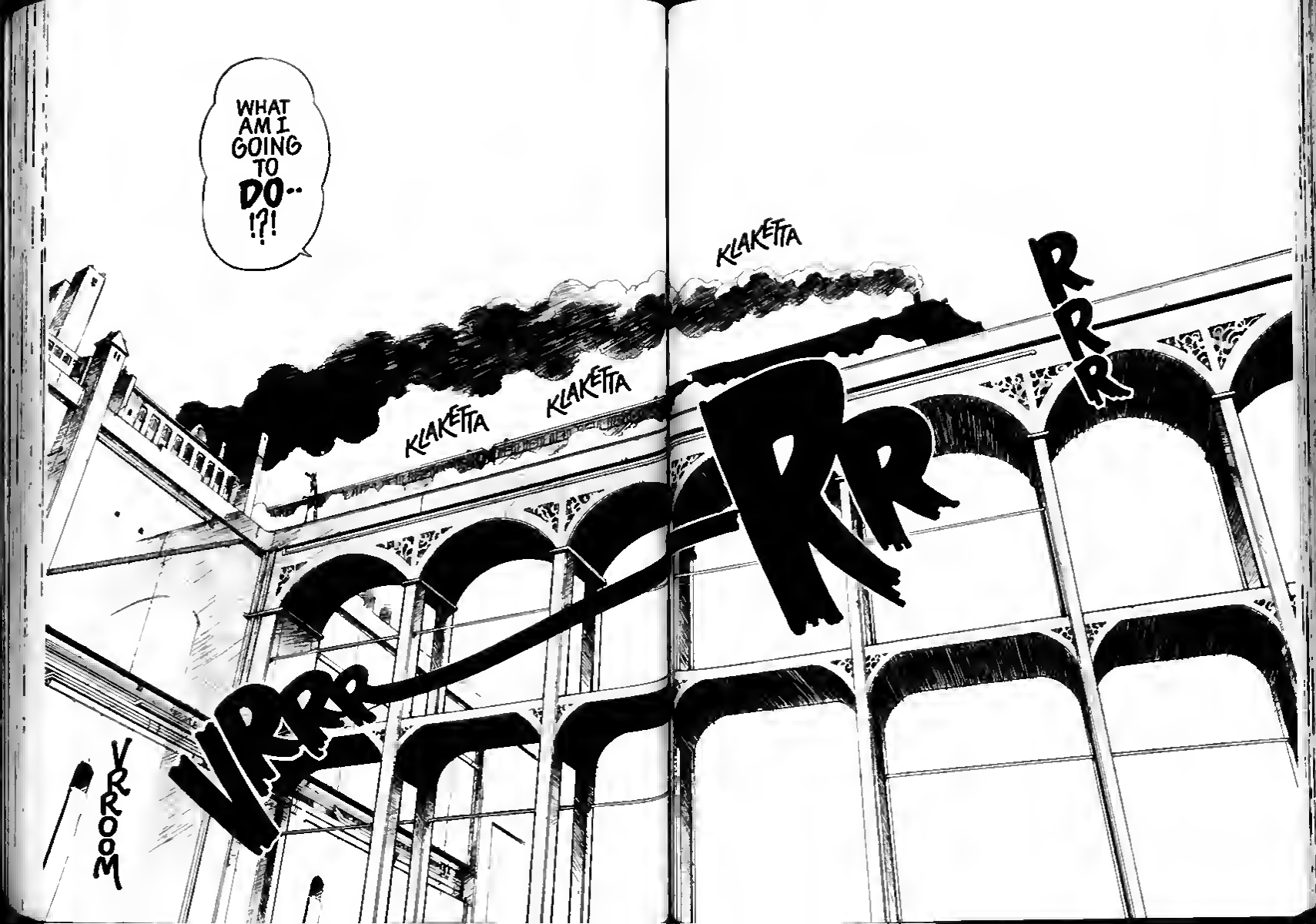

YOW CH!
WH
UMP


PLONK
PLONK
PLO
NK

OH MY!
I'VE MADE SUCH A MESS!

PWEEEEEEEEEET
KLAK-ETA
FSSSSHHH
WE'RE ON OUR WAY...
I'M WORRIED...
I'M READY FOR YOU, MACHINE BARON!
KLAK-ETA
KLAK-ETA
KLAK-ETA

UH-OH!
OH DEAR!
OH ME!
OH MY!
IT'S GONE!!
I CAN'T FIND THE MICRO-FILM ANY-WHERE!!
WHUMP
KLAK-ETA
KLAK-ETA


WHAT AM I GOING TO DO··!?!
KLAKETTA
KLAKETTA
KLAKETTA
RRR
RR
VRRRR
VROOM

JOIN US FOR TEA AND MORE STEAMING ADVENTURE NEXT MONTH..!

CHUFF
CHUFF
CHUFF
WELL, I SHOULD GET GOING...
THANKS FOR JOINING ME FOR TEA. I FEEL MUCH BETTER NOW.
NOT AT ALL. IT WAS MY PLEASURE...
CHAK
AGH!
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO SEARCH MY ENTIRE COMPARTMENT AGAIN.
HELP ME... NARUTAKI...
HA-TCHOO!

CHAK
HUH ?
YAAAAAHH!
!!

H-H-HELP ME... IT'S THE MACHINE BARON !!
TUMP
TUMP
!!
AIII EEE EEEE
HA! FINALLY WE MEET, MACHINE BARON !!
VIP
SHH
WISH
DON'T MOVE... OR ELSE !!
NOW GET 'IM!!
ZIP ZIP
ZIP
ZIP
WHOMP WHOMP
WHOMP

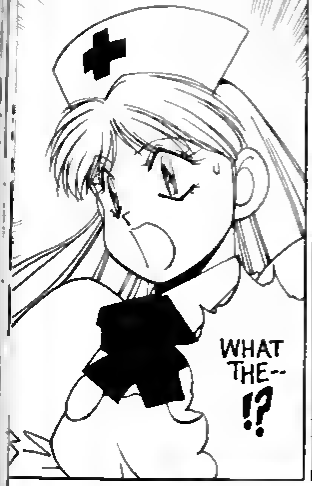
OUCH...
.....
...
FSSHHH
AR-GH!
DUMP
BA
HM-PH!
HA HA HA HA YOU LOSE, MACHINE BARON !
EVEN YOU COULDN'T HAVE GUESSED THAT ALL THE TRAIN STAFF WERE UNDER-COVER AGENTS!
!
WELL, LING LING, WE'RE TAKING HIM BACK TO THE CAPITAL NOW ON THE RETURN TRAIN.
GREAT...

AND AFTER YOU'RE DONE ACCOMPANYING MR. CHAN HOME, WE'VE GOT A DATE! A DATE!
!
I DON'T RECALL MAKING A DATE WITH YOU!
COME COME, DON'T BE BASHFUL NOW... HEH HEH HEH...
.....
...
pWEEEEEEEEE
KLAKKETTA
PSSSHH
HUH? DEPARTING ALREADY? ISN'T IT A BIT EARLY?
KLAKETTA
KLAKETTA
KLAKETTA

WE'RE MOVING AGAIN.
SO IT SEEMS...
FROM HERE ON, REAL ENGINEERS WILL BE TAKING US TO OUR DESTINATION.
IS THAT SO...?
ALL RIGHT! LET'S HAUL THE MACHINE BARON IN!
UNGH! HUMPH!
YES SIR!
D-DE-DETECTIVE ONIGAWARA!!
WHAT IS IT!?
WE JUST FOUND THE TRAIN ENGINEERS ALL TIED UP IN THE STATION BATHROOM!
!?
THEN... WHO IS...
...DRIVING THE TRAIN?

CHUFF
CHUFF
CHUFF
CHUFF
CHUFF
WE'RE ALMOST THERE...
IS TH-THAT SO...?
OH NO. WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
WELL, NOW THAT THE MACHINE BARON'S BEEN APPREHENDED, YOU CAN TELL ME WHERE THE MICROFILM IS!
OH NO...
WELL... ACTUALLY... THAT IS TO SAY...
WHAT'S WRONG? GIVE ME BACK MY FILM!
HOW CAN I TELL HIM I LOST IT...?
WHERE IS THE FILM--
--NURSE!?
HUH?
FWAP

NARUTAKI
YES...?
WHAT? HE'S IN BED!?
WAKE HIM UP! I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR HIM!
BRRRIING
LING LING'S IN GREAT DANGER! SHE'S ALONE WITH THE MACHINE BARON ON THE TRAIN!
I'M NOT THE BARON, I'M CHAN! UNHAND ME, YOU FOOLS!!
KNK
DING
NARUTAKI'S ALREADY AHEAD OF THE GAME...
HA HA HAA...
HURRY UP, GORIKI!!
VREEN
VREEN
SCALE THE MOUNTAIN AND CATCH UP TO THAT TRAIN!!
VREEN
I'M COMING, LING LING!!
VREEN
H-HEY..!?
YOU'RE NOT CHAN! YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW MY NAME!
CHAN WOULD NEVER CALL ME "NURSE"!
THAT'S RIGHT! BUT IT'S TOO LATE FOR YOU NOW!
TELL ME WHERE THE FILM IS!
WHAP
NO WAY!!
OWW!!
TMP
TMP
THERE'S NO ESCAPE!!
NOT FROM THIS TRAIN!!
FWAP
!?!
SKREECH


WHAT THE--
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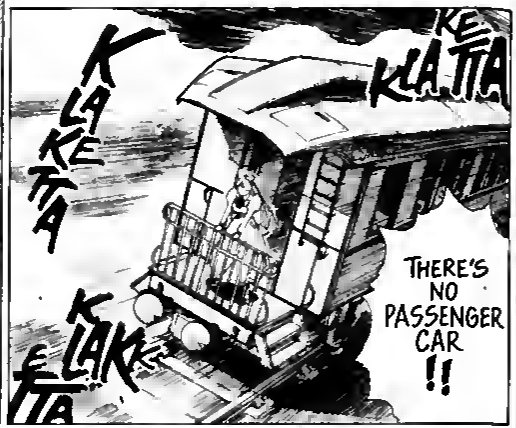

KE KLATTA
KLAKETA
KLAK
ETTA
THERE'S NO PASSENGER CAR
!!

NOW WHAT--
?
I'VE GOT IT! THE ENGINEERS MUST BE IN THE LOCOMOTIVE! I'LL HAVE THEM STOP THE TRAIN!

TMP
TMP
HA HA HA..

YOU CAN'T ESCAPE ME!!
THIS TRAIN BELONGS TO ME NOW.

HMPH !
VERY CLEVER..
ABOVE ME...

RRR
IP
RRR
EEE EEE!

I-I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANY MORE !
NARU-TAKI, I NEED YOUR HELP...
CHUF
CHUF

I-I-I'VE GOT TO GET TO THE ENGIN-EERS...
GIVE IT UP!

!!
SSSH
SSS
FWAP

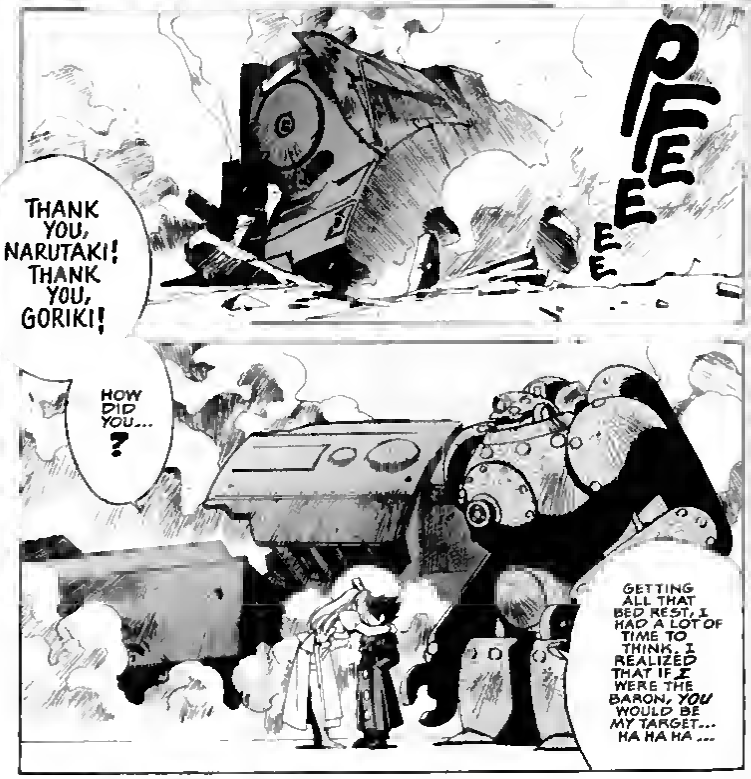
THERE ARE NO ENGINEERS ON THIS TRAIN!
EVERY-THING IS BEING OPERATED BY MY AUTO-MATONS !!
VREE
KLANK
VEEN
CHUF
HUF
I-I-I'M FINISHED !!
CHEF
CHUF
KLAKKETA
NOW STOP STALLING...
KLAKKETA
AND HAND OVER THAT FILM !!
OH NO !
GRRR!
HUH ??
WH
UUMP
OOF !
THH
OK
UNGH!
KLAK KETA
UHH !!
KLAK KETA
KLAK KETA
FWAP
CK
KK

AS DETECTIVE NARUTAKI'S ASSIS-TANT...
...I CAN'T LET YOU HAVE THAT FILM!
WHY, YOU LITTLE...
CH UFF
FORK IT OVER !!
OR YOU CAN KISS YOUR LIFE GOOD-BYE !!
I GUARAN-TEE IT !!
BAM
BAM

HEY !
ZING
ZING
ZING
LITTLE GIRLS SHOULDN'T PLAY WITH BIG GUNS!
OH YEAH !?
WHUMP
!!
ROAR
WHA-- ??
RRR
RR
A!!!!EEE EEEEEE
A T-T-T-TUNNEL?!?

GRA
ARR RGH!
SSSS
SHHH
I GIVE UP! KEEP YOUR STUPID FILM !!
YOU AND THAT TRAIN ARE GOING TO CRASH INTO THE TRAIN STATION, ANYWAY!!
!
CHUFF
FINALLY... SAFE ??
CHUFF
CHUFF
CHUFF
HOW CAN I STOP THIS...
KLAK ETTA
KLAK ETTA
PEEEE
...RUN-AWAY LOCO-MOTIVE ?
THERE'S THE STATION !!
SSSS
SHH
BYRON STATION !!
HELP ME, NARU-TAKI !!
I'M GOING TO DIE-E-E-E-E-E !!
LING LING! TURN AROUND !!
FFSSS
SHH
SHH
HUH ??
NARU-TAKI !?
GORIKI !!
Poik

LING LING !!
BUH
WHHH AAMM
KRE
SHH


PEEEEE
THANK YOU, NARUTAKI! THANK YOU, GORIKI!
HOW DID YOU...?
GETTING ALL THAT BED REST, I HAD A LOT OF TIME TO THINK. I REALIZED THAT IF I WERE THE BARON, YOU WOULD BE MY TARGET... HA HA HA ...
BY THE WAY... WHERE IS THE FILM?
!!
ACTU-ALLY...
WH-WHAT!?

GA ZA ONG
YOU LOST THE FILM!?!
I'M SO SORRY!!
SORRY ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH
HEY..
FWIP
ISN'T THIS...
...THE FILM!?
IT WAS CAUGHT IN YOUR HAT ALL THIS TIME, LING LING!
WHEN THE SUITCASE FELL, IT MUST HAVE...
I'M JUST GLAD YOU AND THE FILM ARE BOTH SAFE NOW... HA HA HA..
WHEW!!

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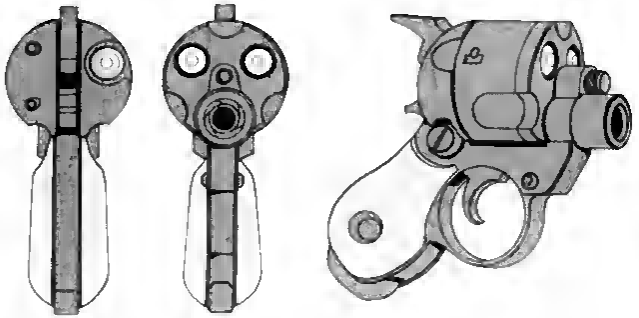
SPECIAL PROFILE: NARUTAKI'S GUN



The illustration above depicts Narutaki's custom-made gun. The manufacturer remains unknown, but its technology is extremely advanced.

According to confirmed sources, the gun is a basic model equipped with multiple features. The "Wire Gun Feature" shoots a wire rope for scaling walls, the "Glue Feature" stops criminals in their tracks, the "Drill Gun Feature" can drill holes through metal sheets up to 50 millimeters thick, and the "Fire Extinguisher Feature" can put out towering flames. And that's only to mention a few of the gun's incredible capabilities!

The bullets in the chamber are also equipped with special features. The "Metal Sheet Bullet" causes radio interference, the "Smoke Bullet" explodes into a cloud of smoke, and the "Explosive Bullet" bursts into fireworks.

This small multipurpose weapon is indispensable to Narutaki in his daily battle for justice on the streets of Steam City.

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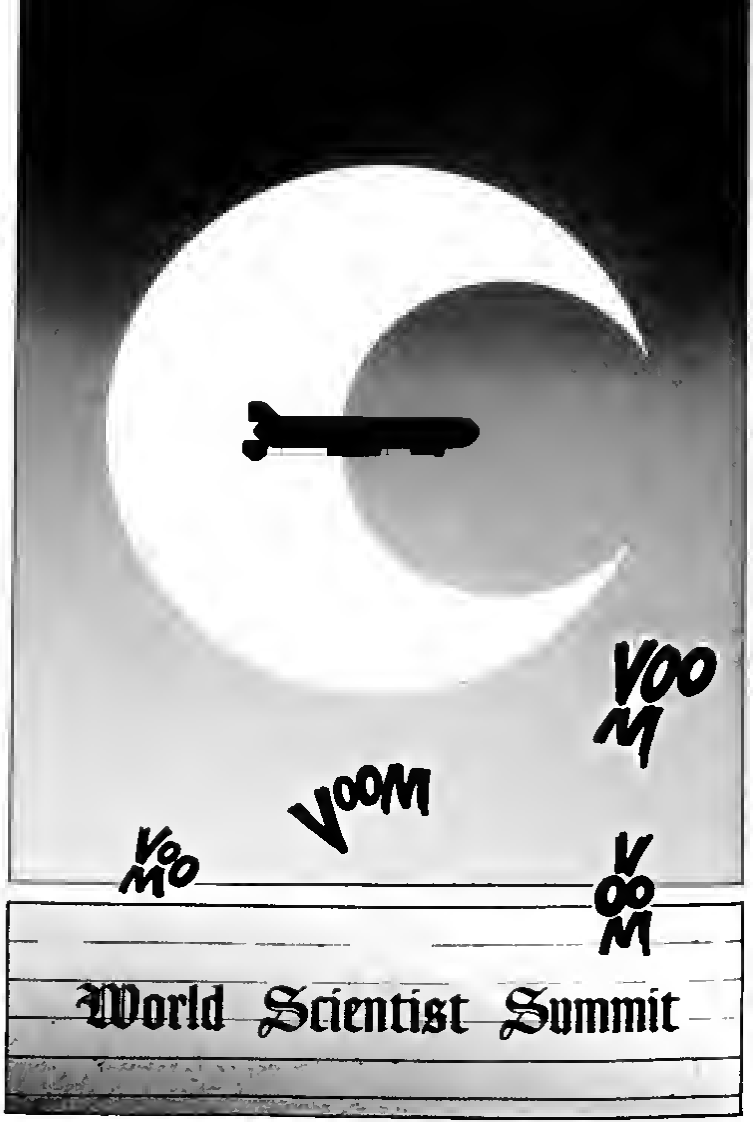
BATTLE OF THE MEGAMATONS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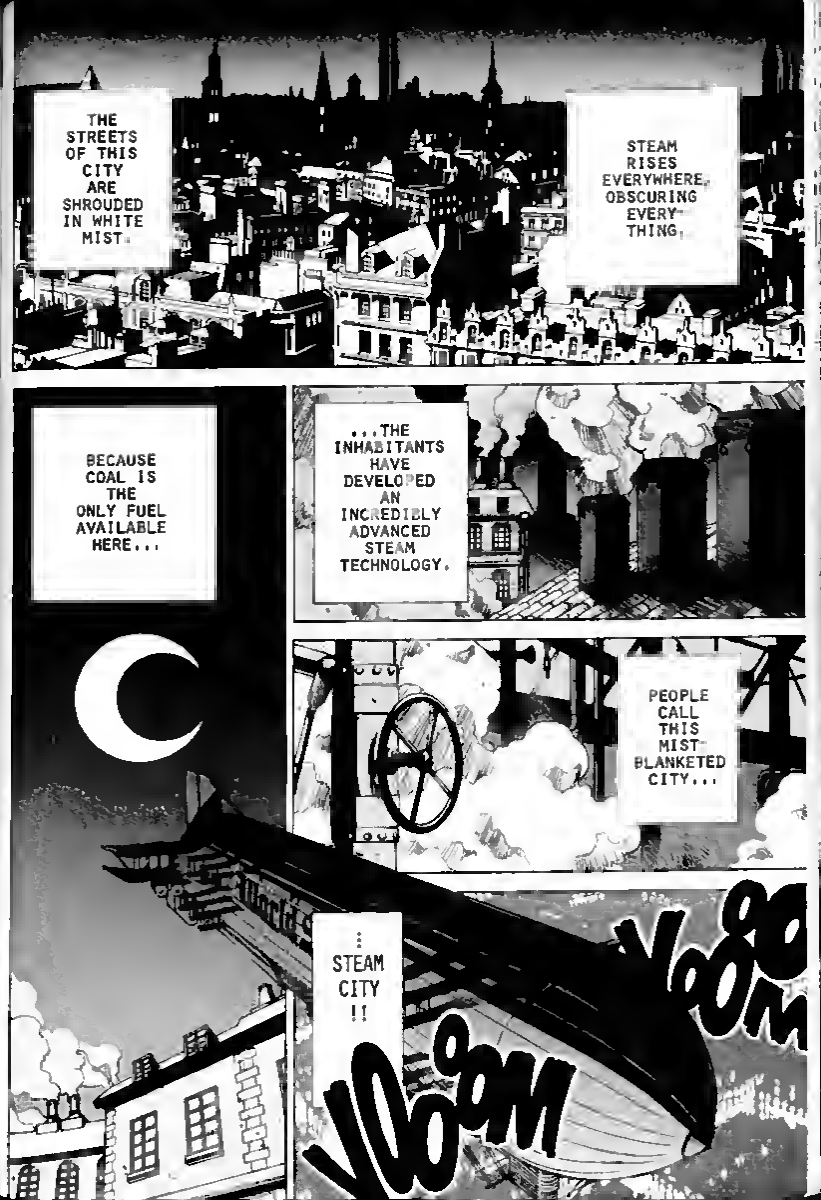
World Scientist Summit

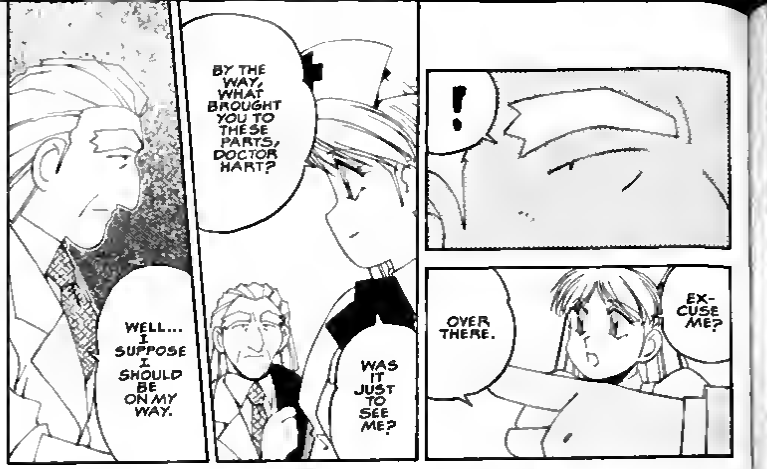

THE STREETS OF THIS CITY ARE SHROUDED IN WHITE MIST.
STEAM RISES EVERYWHERE, OBSCURING EVERY-THING.
BECAUSE COAL IS THE ONLY FUEL AVAILABLE HERE...
...THE INHABITANTS HAVE DEVELOPED AN INCREDIBLY ADVANCED STEAM TECHNOLOGY.
PEOPLE CALL THIS MIST-BLANKETED CITY...
STEAM CITY !!
VOOOM
VOOOM

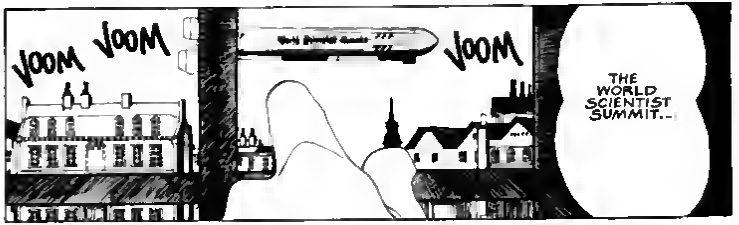
EVIL-DOERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPAQUE FOG...
VOOM
...TO COM-MIT COUNT-LESS CRIMES...
...BAFFLING THE POLICE AND TERRORIZING THE INHABI-TANTS.
VOOM
VOOM
HOW-EVER, THERE IS ONE PER-SON...
...CAPABLE OF APPREHEND-ING THESE DASTARDLY CRIMINALS...
KRR
RET CH
...BOY DETEC-TIVE...
...NARU-TAKI !!
PHEW!

ALL DONE, GORIKI. HOW D'YOU FEEL!?
FFFSSSHHH
KLANG
KANG
TONK
EFFFFFFSSSHHHHH
UR-RRR-RR!

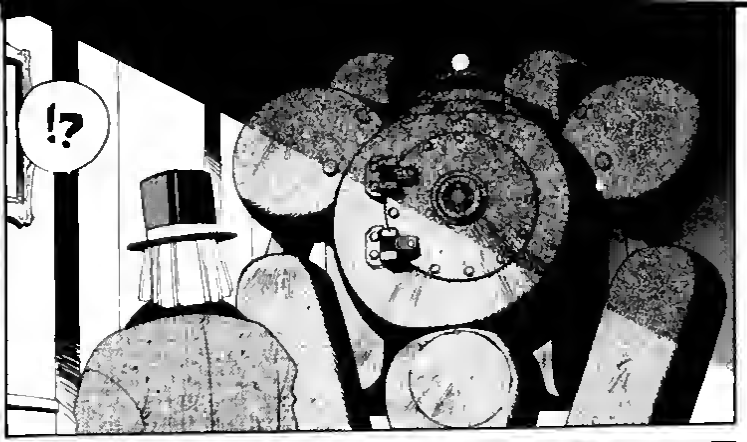
I'LL JUST FILL UP YOUR COOLANT NOW, AND THAT'LL BE IT FOR THIS WEEK'S MAINTENANCE.
NYEEK
NYEEK
NYEEK
NYEEK
UR-RR..
GLUG
GLUG
GLUG
GLUG
WHEN THE TANK'S FULL, IT'LL STOP AUTOMATICALLY.
I'M GOING UP-STAIRS NOW.
UR-RR..
?

WHERE'S LING LING?
SHE HAS A VISITOR...
A VISI-TOR...
...FOR LING LING?
YOUR FATHER PASSED AWAY LAST FALL...?
YES. I'M SORRY I DIDN'T WRITE TO YOU, DOCTOR HART.
MY CON-DOLENCES. YOUR FATHER--DOCTOR HSU--WAS A CLOSE FRIEND--AND RIVAL--OF MINE.
HE WAS A GREAT MAN.
THANK YOU.


BY THE WAY, WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO THESE PARTS, DOCTOR HART?
WELL... I SUPPOSE I SHOULD BE ON MY WAY.
WAS IT JUST TO SEE ME?
!
EX-CUSE ME?
OVER THERE.


VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
THE WORLD SCIENTIST SUMMIT...

I'M IN CHARGE OF THIS YEAR'S SUMMIT...
I WOULD HAVE INVITED DOCTOR HSU TO ATTEND...
YOUR FATHER WAS CONDUCTING RESEARCH IN SO MANY FIELDS-- FROM AUTOMATON ENGINEERING TO BIO-TECHNOLOGY.
YOU MUST BE VERY BUSY!
YES.
WELL!
CHAK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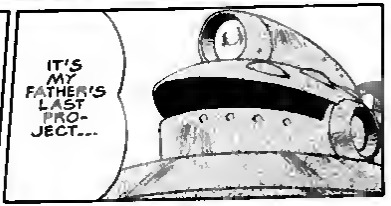
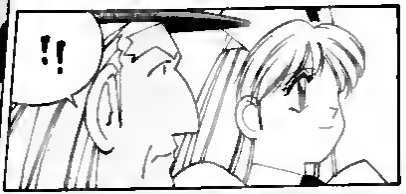
THIS MEGA-MATON...?
YES...


IT'S MY FATHER'S LAST PRO-JECT...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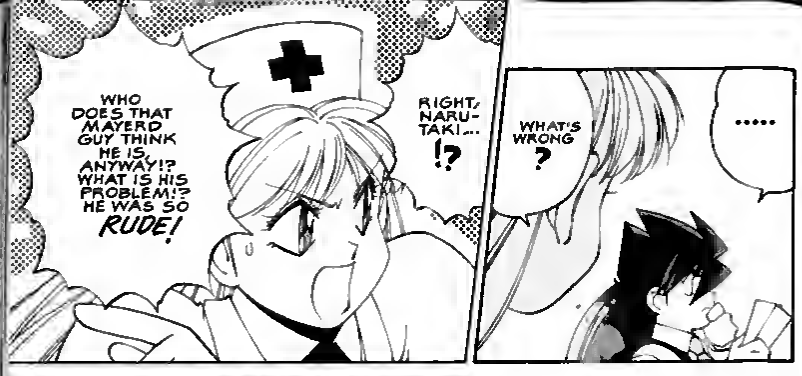
I SEE... SO THIS IS...
DOCTOR HSU WAS AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MAN!

WHERE'S DOCTOR GERHART VON HART !?
UH
!!
DOCTOR MAYERD! WHAT BRINGS YOU-- ??
WE'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU, DOCTOR! YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO WASTE YOUR TIME HERE. RETURN TO THE CONVENTION CENTER, IMMEDIATELY !!
BUT I WAS ONLY...
THE SUMMIT BEGINS IN TWO DAYS, AND YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF EVERY-THING...
THERE'S NO TIME FOR YOU TO DILLY-DALLY HERE!
TAKE IT EASY! DOCTOR HART NEEDS TIME TO ATTEND TO HIS PERSONAL AFFAIRS AS WELL.
!!
WHO ARE YOU!? YOU CERTAINLY COULD USE A WASH, WHOEVER YOU ARE...

THE NAME'S "NARUTAKI." EXCUSE ME... I WAS HANDLING SOME COAL OUT BACK. HA HA HAA...
NARUTAKI THE BOY DETECTIVE? YOU'RE JUST A KID! YOU SHOULD STAY OUT OF ADULTS' BUSINESS!
GIVE UP THIS LINE OF WORK AND GO TO SCHOOL!
GRR RR..
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, DOCTOR MAYERD. I'M LEAVING.
GOODBYE THEN, LING LING. NICE TO MEET YOU, NARUTAKI.
DO COME AGAIN AFTER THE SUMMIT, DOCTOR.
IT WOULD BE MY PLEASURE.
DOCTOR HART-- CAN'T YOUR PRIVATE LIFE WAIT UNTIL THE CONFER-ENCE IS OVER?
YES... FORGIVE ME, DOCTOR MAYERD.
VRRRRMM

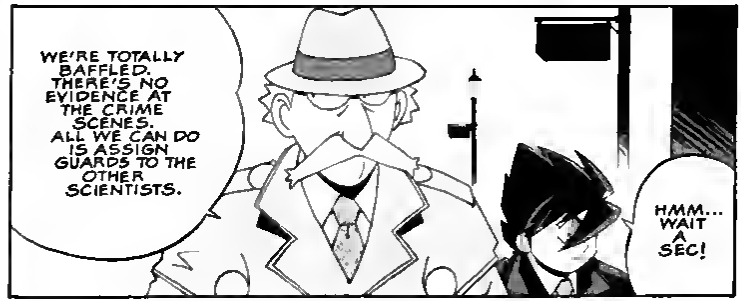

WHO DOES THAT MAYERD GUY THINK HE IS ANYWAY!? WHAT IS HIS PROBLEM!? HE WAS SO RUDE!
RIGHT, NARUTAKI... !?
WHAT'S WRONG ?
.....

DOCTOR GERHART VON HART-- TOP SCIENTIST IN BIO-TECH ENGINEERING.
DOCTOR JOSEPH MAYERD-- TOP ADMINISTRATOR IN ENERGY TECHNOLO--
ARGH! YOU TOOK PICTURES OF OUR VISITORS AGAIN !?
SO WHAT ?

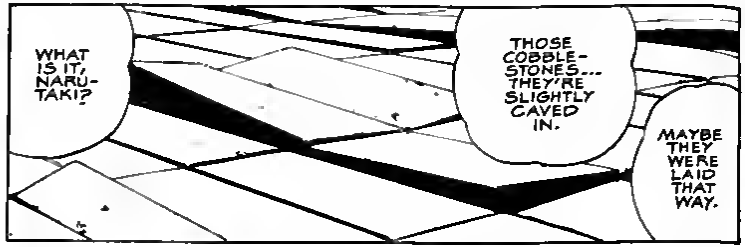
IT'S JUST A HABIT.
INTRUSION OF PRIVACY, I'D SAY! WHERE DO YOU HIDE THE CAMERA, ANYWAY?
LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THE DETECTIVE BUSINESS...
BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH!

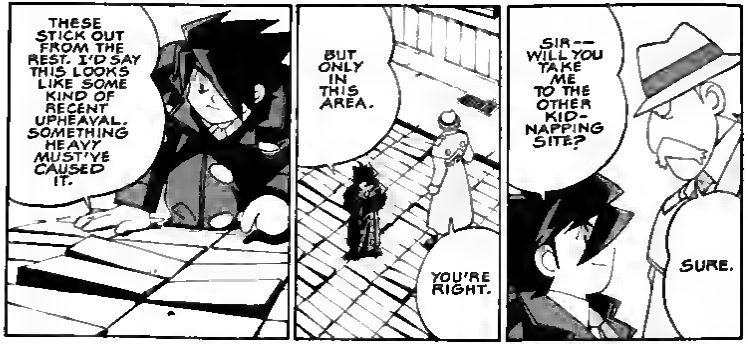
WE BELIEVE THE KIDNAPPED PARTY TO BE DOCTOR HIROSHI SAWAKI.
HE WAS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE WORLD SCIENTIST SUMMIT. WE JUST CHECKED WITH THE SUMMIT OFFICE.

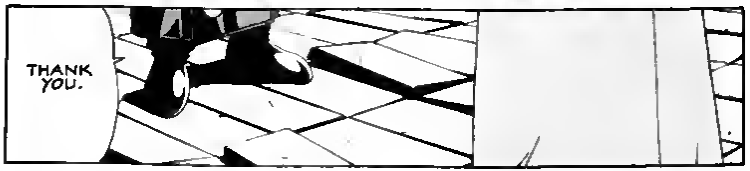
THIS IS THE FOURTH ABDUCTION OF A SCIENTIST ?
YES. LET'S SEE NOW...
THE WORLD'S TOP BRAINS ARE ALL CONCENTRATED IN STEAM CITY BECAUSE OF THE SUMMIT... PRETTY CONVENIENT FOR THE KIDNAPPER, I'D SAY.
WHAT COULD ANYONE POSSIBLY WANT WITH ALL THOSE SCIENTISTS?
ANY RANSOM NOTES?
NONE WHATSOEVER.


WE'RE TOTALLY BAFFLED. THERE'S NO EVIDENCE AT THE CRIME SCENES. ALL WE CAN DO IS ASSIGN GUARDS TO THE OTHER SCIENTISTS.
HMM... WAIT A SEC!

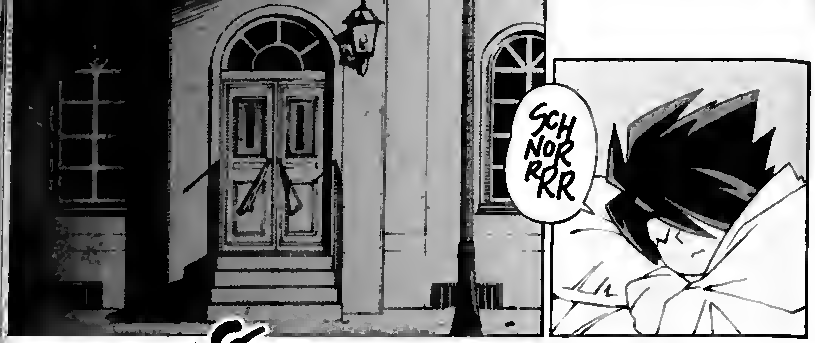
HEE HEE HEEEE... NO MATTER. THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO TEST YOUR POWER ANYWAY.
EX-CITED?
GOOD, GOOD...
VRRMM
TO CONDUCT THIS TEST PROPERLY, WE NEED SOMETHING TO COMPARE YOU AGAINST...
I DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO HAPPEN LIKE THIS, THOUGH
HEE HEE HEE HEE HEEE HEEE...
VEEEEN
VEEEEN
VRRRRRMMMM


WHAT IS IT, NARU-TAKI?
THOSE COBBLE-STONES... THEY'RE SLIGHTLY CAVED IN.
MAYBE THEY WERE LAID THAT WAY.


THESE STICK OUT FROM THE REST. I'D SAY THIS LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF RECENT UPHEAVAL. SOMETHING HEAVY MUST'VE CAUSED IT.
BUT ONLY IN THIS AREA.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
SIR--- WILL YOU TAKE ME TO THE OTHER KID-NAPPING SITE?
SURE.


THANK YOU.

DAMN! ANOTHER FAILURE!!
BLEE BLEE BLEE
JUST CAN'T GET IT RIGHT!!
I JUST DON'T HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO RETRIEVE DATA FROM THE HUMAN BRAIN!

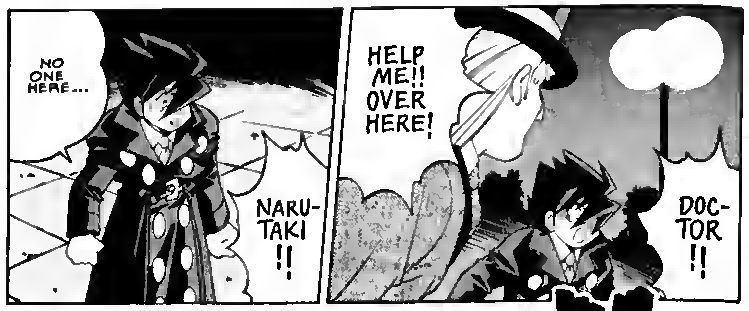

SCH NOR RRR

BRRRG
HNF ?
'LO? N-N-NARU-TAKI D'CTIVE AGEN--
NARUTAKI! THIS IS GERHART YON HART! HELP ME!!
UH... ?
DUHHHH..
SOME-ONE'S FOLLOWING ME! IT MIGHT BE THAT KID-NAPPER !!

W-W-WHERE ARE YOU !?
FWA
LUNA P_RK! HURRY !!
TMP
HM ?
TMP TMP TMP

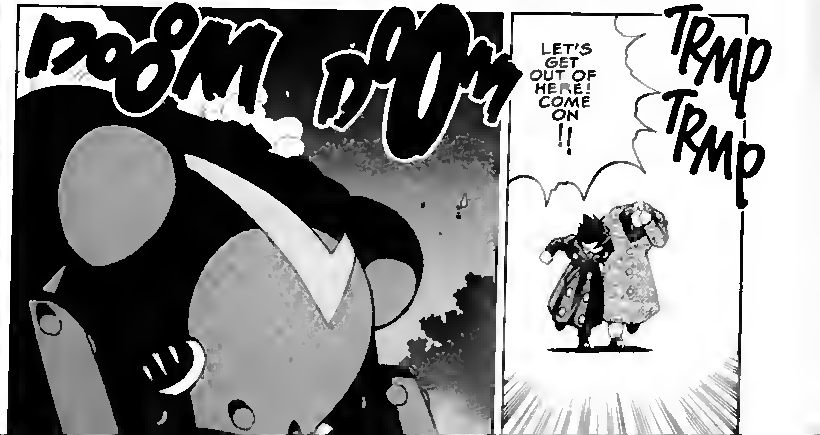
IT'S NARUTAKI... WHAT'S HE DOING UP AT THIS HOUR?
TMP TMP TMP
KIDS SHOULDN'T BE OUT THIS LATE AT NIGHT...
AA-CHOO !!

VROOM
VROOM
LUNA PARK...
TMP TMP

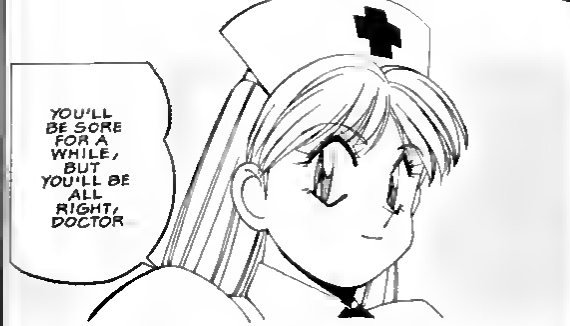

NO ONE HERE...
NARU-TAKI !!
HELP ME!! OVER HERE!
DOC-TOR !!

AHHH!
AAAAA
DOOM
DOOM

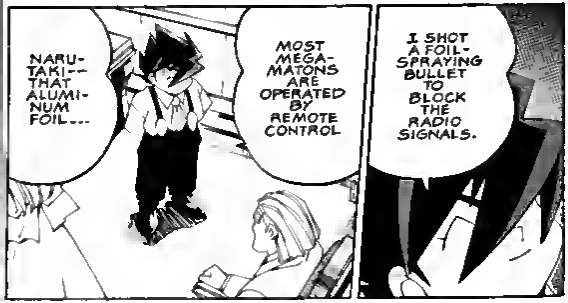
WHAT'S THAT !?
WHOA !!
POK
DOCTOR! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT !?
UHN !


DOOM DOOM
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! COME ON !!
TRMP TRMP

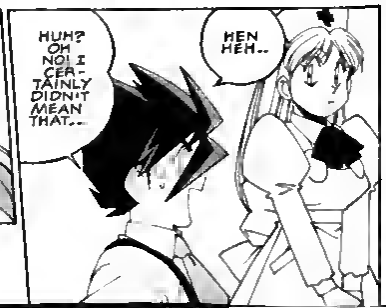
WHY, THAT'S...!!
KRR EEK
EEEEE
EEN
CH
KLINK
WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN MIND, NARUTAKI!?
STAND BACK, DOCTOR!!
BLAM!
FWEEEE
ALUMI-NUM FOIL!?
KLUNK KLONK
VREEEN
JUST AS I SUS-PECTED!!
C'MON, DOC-TOR--LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
TMP TMP TMP


YOU'LL BE SORE FOR A WHILE, BUT YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT, DOCTOR

IT'S MY GOOD FORTUNE YOU BECAME A NURSE. HA HA HA.
TEE HEE!


NARUTAKI--THAT ALUMINUM FOIL...
MOST MEGAMATONS ARE OPERATED BY REMOTE CONTROL
I SHOT A FOIL-SPRAYING BULLET TO BLOCK THE RADIO SIGNALS.

HA HA HA... YOU MAKE IT SOUND AS IF THERE ARE MEGAMATONS THAT OPERATE WITHOUT REMOTE CONTROL!


HUH? OH NO! I CERTAINLY DIDN'T MEAN THAT...
HEH HEH..

SKRNCH
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
OH, DOCTOR--A MEGAMATON WITH A WILL OF ITS OWN? THAT'S PREPOSTEROUS! TEE HEE!
THAT'S RIGHT... WE DON'T HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY--YET.
BUT ONCE WE DO...

YES? "ONCE WE DO"... WHAT? EEP!
OH, NEVER MIND.
COULD I ASK A FAVOR OF YOU, NARUTAKI? WOULD YOU BE MY BODYGUARD? JUST IN CASE THAT MONSTROUS MEGAMATON COMES AFTER ME AGAIN?

AREN'T THE POLICE PROVIDING PROTECTION FOR SCIENTISTS ATTENDING THE SUMMIT...?
THEY'RE NOT MUCH HELP.
I SEE.

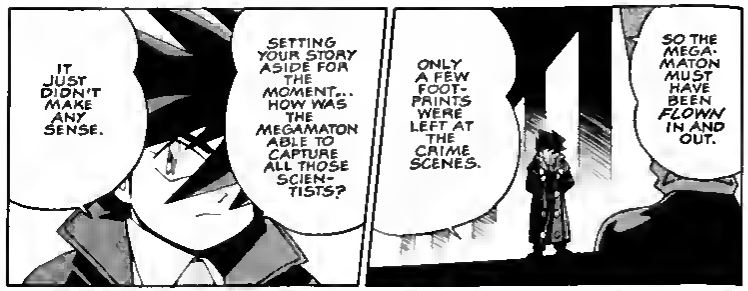
SO YOU'LL START TOMORROW?
ALL RIGHT.

VRRR
OOOM
.....
....
I THINK I'VE GOT IT!
I'M GOING OUT!
WHAT!? IT'S ALMOST MORNING! YOU SHOULD GET SOME SLEEP!
WHAT'S WRONG, NARUTAKI...?
.....
...
THE SCIENTISTS MUST HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED BY THAT MEGAMATON.
BUT THAT MONSTER APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE!
HOW COULD SUCH A HUGE ROBOT STALK SOMEONE WITHOUT ATTRACTING ATTENTION?
COULD THE DOCTOR HAVE LIED TO ME? LET'S SEE... HOW COULD THAT MEGAMATON GET AROUND...
I HAVE TO GO TO THE WORLD SCIENTIST SUMMIT OFFICE.
SEE YOU LATER.
SC
AM
→SIGH←
I GIVE UP...!!
PUTTPUTT
PUTT
THE KIDNAPPINGS TOOK PLACE IN THESE LOCATIONS...
...AND HERE'S THE CONVENTION CENTER...
!

THE NEXT DAY
TMPTMP
TMPTMP
WORLD SCIENTIST SUMMIT BUILDING
DOCTOR HART HAS DIS-APPEARED AGAIN!
I HEAR HE HIRED THAT BOY DETECTIVE AS A BODY-GUARD... A LOT OF HELP THAT WAS!
THE SUMMIT IS TOMORROW. I HOPE EVERYTHING GOES SMOOTHLY...
SIGH...
KRREK
KRTCH
!!
WH-WHAT THE--!?
RMMM
WEEE NN
WHOA!!
OOSH
AAK
WHY, IT'S N-N-N--!?
SSSHH
SHH
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, DOCTOR MAYERD!?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE WITH DOCTOR HART!
EVERY-THING IS UNDER CON-TROL.

THERE'S NO NEED TO GUARD SOMEONE WHO'S NOT IN DANGER, EH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
FSSSHH
FSSSHH
FSSSHH
FSSSHH
FWEEEE
FSSSSS
SHHH
SHHH
ESCAPED?
NO, SIR.
FWEEEE

Summit
VOOM
VOOM
VOOM
NARU-TAKI-- YOU DIDN'T SHOW UP TODAY!
WHAT IF I'M ATTACKED AGAIN?
IT WOULD BE ABSURD FOR ME TO GUARD...
...THE KID-NAPPER HIM-SELF!!
WHO, ME? THE KIDNAPPER? WHY, THAT'S ABSURD. YOU SAW THAT MEGAMATON ATTACK ME.
A CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED PERFORMANCE. BY POSING AS A VICTIM, YOU HOPED I WOULD ELIMINATE YOU AS A SUSPECT.
YOUR PLAN WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED, IF YOU HADN'T TOLD ME...
...THAT A HUGE MEGAMATON WAS AFTER YOU. HOW COULD SOMETHING THAT BIG POSSIBLY HAVE GONE UN-DETECTED?


IT JUST DIDN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.
SETTING YOUR STORY ASIDE FOR THE MOMENT... HOW WAS THE MEGAMATON ABLE TO CAPTURE ALL THOSE SCIENTISTS?
ONLY A FEW FOOTPRINTS WERE LEFT AT THE CRIME SCENES.
SO THE MEGAMATON MUST HAVE BEEN FLOWN IN AND OUT.

THAT'S WHEN IT ALL CLICKED! THAT ZEPPELIN UP THERE...
!!
VOOOOM
VOOOOM
VOOOOM
THE MEGAMATON WAS TRANSPORTED INSIDE OF IT.
AND YOU'RE THE ONE IN CHARGE OF NAVIGATING THE ZEPPELIN!
WHICH MEANS... THE KIDNAPPER HAS TO BE YOU!
BRRM
BRRM
.....
BRRM

I SEE MY LITTLE CHARADE DIDN'T IMPRESS YOU.
BRRM BRM
BRM
HOW ABOUT... THIS !?!
BRM
SNICK

HA
HA
HA
OOO

WHA--!?!
BSSHT
SHHH

KRRESH
HA HA HA HAAA!
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MY MASTERPIECE...
SHADOW BOLT NO.1
!!
BRRM
BRRM
BRRM
BRRM
BRRM
BRRM
.....
....
HUMM
KRESH
KRISH
HUMM
HEE HEE HEE...
KRRASH
AND YOU CAN CALL ME "DR. GUILTY"
!!

SIC 'IM, SHADOW BOLT No.1 !!
KLIK
WHHH
HRRR
WH
RRRR
RRR
RRR
KRTCH
GORI KI!!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, NARUTAK!
!?
LING LING !!
HA HA HAA! GOOD TIMING! I'VE BEEN HOPING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ON DR. HSU'S MEGAMATON !!
GO, SHADOW BOLT No.1 !!
VEEE
EEEN

!?
FWAK
FWAK
FFH
AKKK

SPLAAAAA
WHOA !!
WHAT WAS THAT !?
INSPECTOR !!
THAT'S GORIKI.
WHICH MEANS NARUTAKI IS...
FSS SHAA
FS SHAA
FS SSHH AAAA
WHR RRRR

WHRRRRR
FINISH IT OFF, SHADOW BOLT NO. 1 !!

WHO IS THAT MAN ?
IT'S THE KIDNAPPER! DR. GUILTY IS DR. HART'S SECRET IDENTITY !!
NARU-TAKI !!
TELL ME THIS MUCH, AT LEAST. WHY DID YOU KIDNAP THOSE SCIENTISTS !?

ALL FOR THE SAKE OF SHADOW BOLT NO. 1! COMPUTERS COULDN'T HANDLE THE DEMANDS OF THIS MEGAMATON!
SO I TRANSFERRED THE BRAIN POWER OF THOSE SCIENTISTS INTO THE SHADOW BOLT TO RUN ITS FUNCTIONS. ALTHOUGH MY EXPERIMENT WASN'T A COMPLETE SUCCESS...

...SOMEDAY I WILL TRIUMPH! ONE HAS TO MAKE SACRIFICES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE. BUT YOU BRATS ARE TOO YOUNG TO APPRECIATE THAT!
EVEN INCOMPLETE, MY MEGAMATON IS THE STRONGEST IN THE WORLD!
RRRR
WHRRR
I'LL SHOW EVERYONE THAT DR. GUILTY IS MILES AHEAD OF DR. HSU! HA HA HA HAAAA!
.....
GORIKI!!
RRR
RRR
RRR
RRR
GORIKI...
DON'T WORRY, LING LING... WE'VE GOTTA HAVE FAITH IN...
YES.
...YOUR FATHER.

THHH
KRTCH
KRTCH
HA HA HA HA HAA! YOU THINK YOU CAN DEFEAT ME WITH THAT OUT-DATED MANIPULA-TOR!?
CRUSH IT!!
KER
KRAK

KR
RSH
KRRR
SH
SH
HA HA HA HAA HAAAA! TAKE THIS!
WHRRRRR
POW
WOOSH
KRSH
KRSH
KRSH
KRSH
KRSH
KRRSHH
BW
THIS ELECTRO-MAGNETIC NET WILL PARALYZE GORIKI JUST LIKE IT DID SHADOW BOLT No. 1! TOUCHÉ !!
AA!!! EEEE! GORIKI !!
FWAK
LING LING !!
HOW CAN IT STILL BE MOVING!? HOW !?
IMPOSSIBLE! THAT SHOULD'VE BLOCKED THE RADIO SIGNAL !!
YEEEEEEEEEN
CHA
KING
GO, SHADOW BOLT !!
RR
RRR
RRR
RRR
RRR

BA
D
D
VR RR
OOO M M
KRAK
KRAK
RAK
W
H
A

.....
....
KRRAA
KOOM
YES !!
FF
WEEE EEE
GORIKI...
.....
....
INSPECTOR, DR. GUILTY HAS ESCAPED !!
VROOM
AFTER HIM !
HE MIGHT STILL BE IN THE VICINITY !!
VROOM
YES, SIR !
I'LL BE BACK, NARUTAKI !!
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!
WAIT AND SEE !!

WE FOUND THE KIDNAPPED SCIENTISTS IN DR. HART'S HOTEL ROOM. THEY'LL BE FINE.
GREAT.
THE BUILDING WAS BURNED DOWN, BUT AT LEAST EVERYONE IS SAFE, DR. MAYERD.
I BELIEVE WE'LL STILL BE ABLE TO HOLD THE CONFERENCE, IF WE MOVE THE SUMMIT LOCATION- THANKS TO YOU, NARUTAKI.
DON'T THANK ME... HE DID ALL THE WORK!
!!
THAT'S RIGHT.
THANK YOU, GORIKI !
WHR RRR

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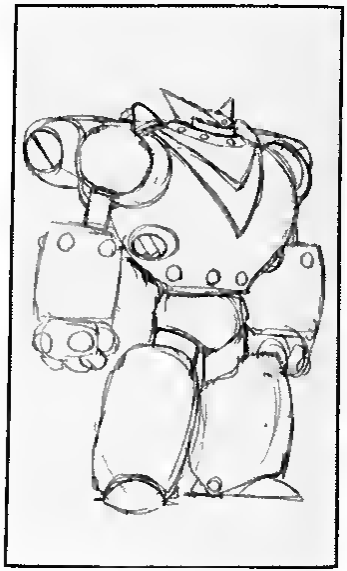
MONSTER MEGAMATON APPEARS IN CAPITAL! ROBOT IDENTIFIED AS SHADOW BOLT NO.1!

The mysterious case of the kidnapped World Scientist Summit scientists has finally been solved. They were imprisoned by a megamaton robot. And who was the operator of this megamaton, "Shadow Bolt No.1"? A mad scientist who identified himself as "Dr. Guilty"!

Megamaton Goriki of the Narutaki Detective Agency fought Dr. Guilty's megamaton to a standstill. Such a battle between two megamatons is virtually unheard of. It appears that Shadow Bolt No.1 was constructed specifically for combat. In anticipation of further crimes committed by such monster robots, the police department has called for reinforcements.

SHADOW BOLT No.1 USING ITS ARMS AS PROJECTILES (!?)

Through secret sources we managed to obtain a rough full-body sketch of Shadow Bolt No.1 (see diagram on right).



FULL BODY SKETCH OF SHADOW BOLT No.1

IRON STEAMMAN

Automatic Coal Burner

THE MACHINE THAT MADE COAL AN AUTOMATIC FUEL

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CASE 4

BOY DETECTIVE NARUTAKI VS. BOY CRIMINAL LE BREAD

TMP TMP TMP

TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP

FW EEE EE EEE EEE EEEEE

BOY CRIMINAL LE BREAD! FREEZE !!

I THINK NOT, BOY DETECTIVE NARUTAKI...

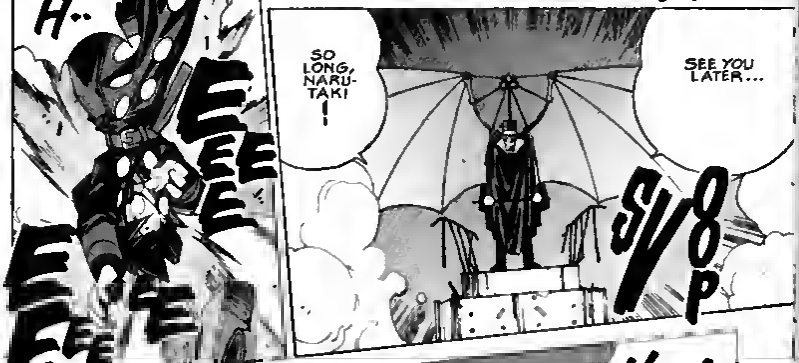
YOU'RE CORNERED! GIVE YOURSELF UP!!
STEAM CITY: A METROPOLIS RUN BY THE POWER OF STEAM. ONE PERSON IS THIS CRIME-RIDDEN CITY'S ONLY HOPE!
THESE ARE THE CONTINUING ADVENTURES OF NARUTAKI AND HIS FRIENDS...
HA HA HA...
HIS NAME? BOY DETECTIVE NARUTAKI!!
CASE 4
BOY-DETECTIVE-NARUTAKI
VS. BOY CRIMINAL LE BREAD

WE'LL SEE WHICH OF US IS TRAPPED..
I'VE HAD JUST ABOUT ENOUGH OF YOUR CONSTANT MEDDLING !!

WHAT THE--!?
!!
BEAM

!?
FWEEEEEEE
ARRGH!
HAHAAHAA
PSSSSSSST

YAAAHHH..
WHUP
UNGH!


EEEEEEEEE
SO LONG, NARUTAKI!
SEE YOU LATER...
SV8P

HAHAHAHAHAAA!

FWEEEEE

"NARUTAKI"..

AAR RGH...
THR OB
TMP TMP

!
TEE HEE HEE!
NICE GOING, LE BREAD.
IMPRES-SIVE WORK.

WANT TO COME WITH ME TO THE HOSPITAL?
I'LL FIX YOU UP LIKE NEW, AND THEN... TEE HEE HEE...

FW WEEEEE
NARU-TAKI-I-I-I!
WHERE A-A-A-A-ARE YOU!?
THAT'S ODD I LOST HIM SOME-WHERE AROUND HERE...
I'VE GOT A REALLY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS!

TH
WAK
AIII EEE !!
WHMP

!!
OUCH! WHAT WAS THAT?

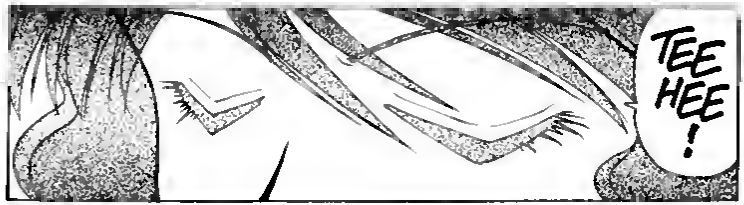
TH-THIS IS NARUTAKI'S GUN! HIS SPECIAL WIRE GUN AND CARTRIDGE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
IT'S BROKEN!!
...BLOOD!?
C-C-COULD THIS BE...
COULD HE HAVE FALLEN FROM UP THERE!?
IS HE HURT!?
I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM!!

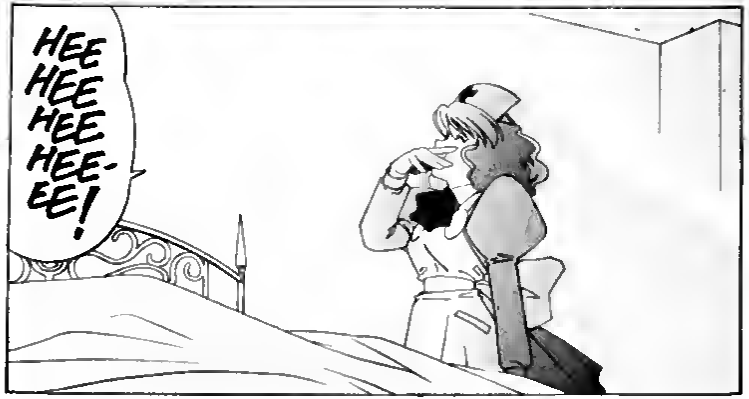
FW
CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL

YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE MY HARSH METHODS.

THAT MUST HAVE HURT.

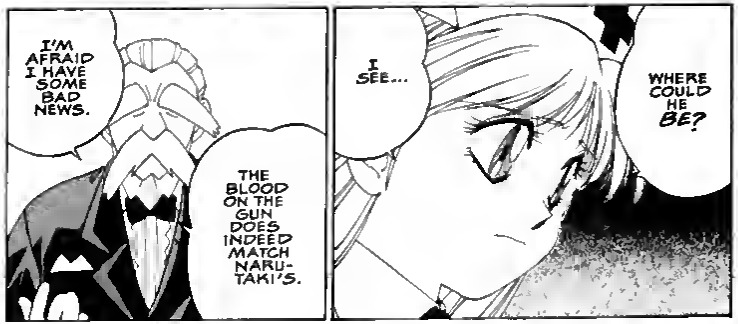
BUT I WANT YOU SO BAD...
AND NOW YOU'LL BE A PART OF MY COLLECTION. ISN'T THAT NICE?

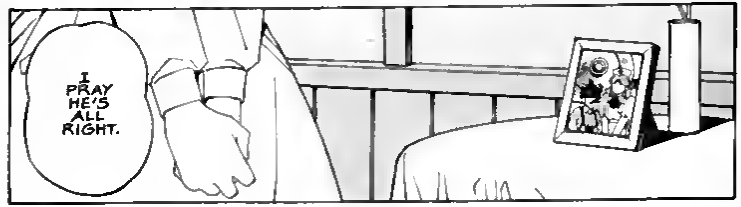

TEE HEE!


HEE HEE HEE HEE-EE!

NARUTAKI
AGENCY
DETECTIVE

NARU-TAKI...
LING LING!
YES, KAWA-KUBO.

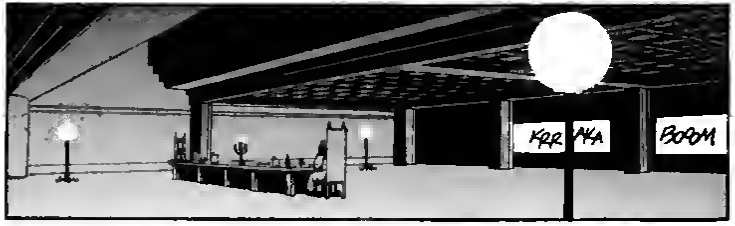

I'M AFRAID I HAVE SOME BAD NEWS.
THE BLOOD ON THE GUN DOES INDEED MATCH NARU-TAKI'S.
I SEE...
WHERE COULD HE BE?


I PRAY HE'S ALL RIGHT.

KRR AKA BOOM

NARUTAKI HAS STOOD IN MY WAY TOO LONG.
IT WAS HIGH TIME I GOT RID OF HIM, ANYWAY

YOU MAY HAVE DREAMED UP THIS PLAN...
...BUT IT'S TO MY BENEFIT AS WELL!
TEE HEE HEE!


KRR AKA
BOOM

I HAVE TO ADMIT, THOUGH, I WAS A LITTLE SURPRISED WHEN YOU SAID YOU WANTED NARUTAKI FOR YOUR VERY OWN...
BUT HE'S SO CUTE AND ADORABLE!
IS THAT SO?

AND SOON HE'LL BE MINE... FOR ETERNITY!

THAT PLEASES YOU, LANG LANG?

THANK YOU, LE BREAD...
...FOR MAKING MY FONDEST WISH COME TRUE.
MY PLEASURE, LANG LANG.

AND WHAT IF IT DOES?
YOU PREFER HIM TO ME?
IS SWEETUMS GETTING A WIDDLE JEALOUS? HMM?
PMT
DON'T WORRY, MY DARLING.
TMP
TMP
LE BREAD...
FWAP
...I'M ALL YOURS!
GOT THAT?

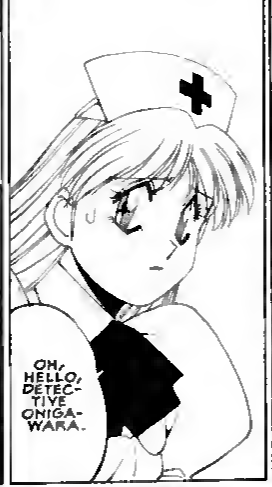
MY BODY, MY SOUL.
THEY ALL BELONG TO YOU, LE BREAD.
SHAA

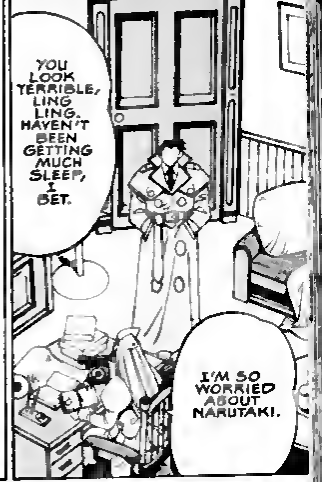
IN-DEED...
AS LONG AS WE HAVE A MUTUAL UNDER-STANDING.
OF COURSE WE DO, SILLY.
TEE HEE HEE!

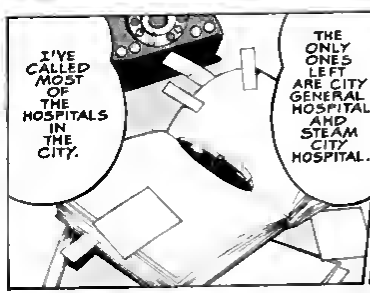
I'VE GOT AN IDEA. HOW ABOUT WE GET RID OF THAT NURSE WHO HANGS WITH NARUTAKI, TOO
WHAT DO YOU SAY, LANG LANG?

KRR
AKK
THAT WOULD BE--- TEE HEE--- MY PLEA-SURE!
KRAKKA DOOM

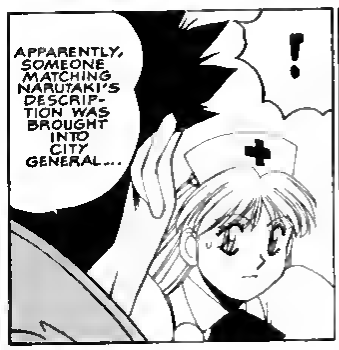
LING LING--- ARE YOU IN?


OH, HELLO, DETEC-TIVE ONIGA-WARA.


YOU LOOK TERRIBLE, LING LING. HAVEN'T BEEN GETTING MUCH SLEEP, I BET.
I'M SO WORRIED ABOUT NARUTAKI.


I'VE CALLED MOST OF THE HOSPITALS IN THE CITY.
THE ONLY ONES LEFT ARE CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL AND STEAM CITY HOSPITAL.

NARUTAKI IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE YOU TO WORRY ABOUT HIM. SO... I TAKE IT YOU HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM?
NO, NOT A WORD.


!
APPARENTLY, SOMEONE MATCHING NARUTAKI'S DESCRIP-TION WAS BROUGHT INTO CITY GENERAL...

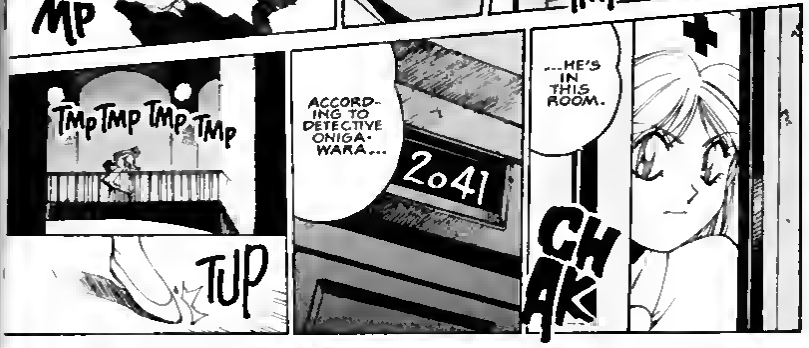
!!
THEN I MUST GO THERE...
!!
...IMMEDI-ATELY !!

THANK YOU, KAWA-KUBO. I PROMISE I'LL—
BE CARE-FUL.
WELL... I'M OFF!
SLAMM
WH RR
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, GORIKI?
DON'T WORRY... LING LING WILL BRING HIM HOME SAFELY.
WE MUST HAVE FAITH IN HER.
WH RR

FWEEEEEE
BUT THIS MIGHT BE ONE OF LE BREAD'S TRAPS!
I URGE YOU NOT TO GO!
BUT I MUST!
WH RR
IF I DON'T, WHO WILL?
YOU CAN'T STOP ME!
ALL RIGHT THEN, BUT AT LEAST TAKE THIS...
NARU-TAKI'S GUN IS INSIDE.
CHAK
I REPAIRED THE WIRE GUN AND THE ATTACH-MENTS. MAKE SURE HE GETS THEM.

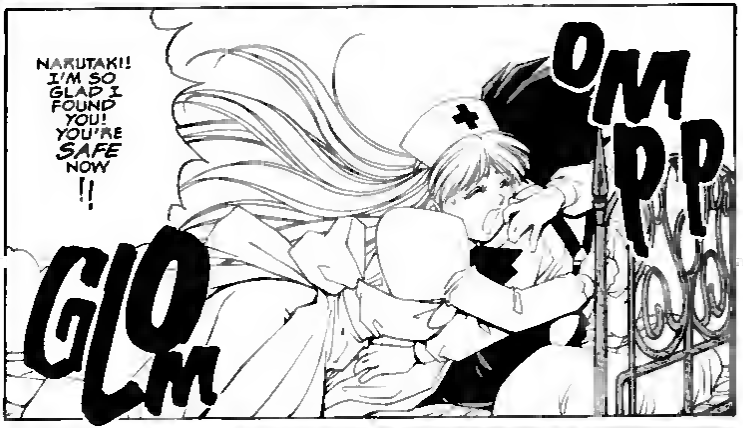
ZOOP

PHEW!
TA-TUMP
TMP TMP TMP

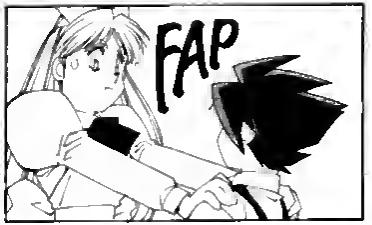

TMP TMP TMP TMP
TUP
ACCORDING TO DETECTIVE ONIGAWARA...
2041
...HE'S IN THIS ROOM.
CHAK

WHO IS IT?

!!
?

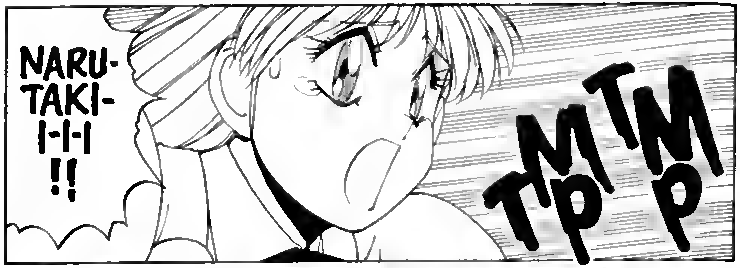

NARUTAK!! I'M SO GLAD I FOUND YOU! YOU'RE SAFE NOW!!
OMPP
GLOM

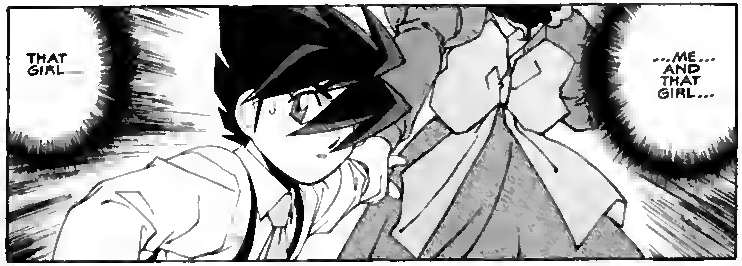
IS THAT MY NAME? "N-N-NARUTAK!"?
HUH?


FAP
?

WHAT'S WRONG, NARUTAKI!? DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME !?
?
OH NO! H-HE'S... LOST HIS MEMORY!!
NARUTAKI...
SORRY, NO VISITORS ALLOWED !!
!!
WH-WHY, Y-Y-YOU'RE-- !!
GET AWAY FROM HIM OR I'LL SHOOT!
TUP TUP
YOU'RE COMING WITH ME! GET OUT OF BED!
HUH ?

HURRY UP !
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING HIM !?
BUT THAT GIRL SAYS...
COME ON !!
.....
CATCH ME IF YOU CAN, LING LING!
TEE HEE.
TUMPA TUMP
WAIT, NARUTAKI!!
THAT GIRL'S COMING AFTER ME...
SHE CALLED ME "NARUTAKI"... WHAT'S GOING ON?





FWEEE
!!
LE
BREAD
ISN'T
HERE
YET
!?
LE
BREAD
?
LE
BREAD...
FWEEE
STOP
RIGHT
THERE
!!
GIVE
NARUTAKI
BACK
TO
ME
!!
OR
ELSE...
!!
FWEEE
FWEEE
FWEEE

OR ELSE WHAT ?
ARE YOU THREATENING ME? THAT'S A LAUGH.
FWW
EEEEEE

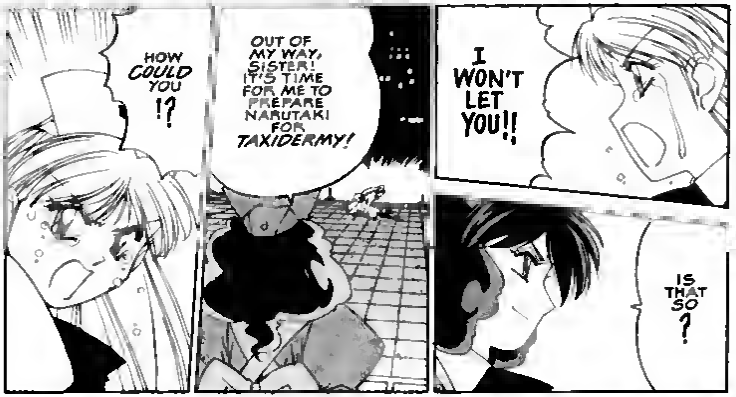
TEE HEE HEE!
BYE-BYE, LING LING...

STOP IT! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS!
WHAP
UN-HAND ME !!
WHAT !?
NO !!
NARU-TAKI !!
BLAA
AMM

WUM
MP
TMP TMP TMP

NARU-TAKI !!
OH NO !
TUNk
NARUTAKI!
UNHH..

NARU-TAKI...
RIP
PLAP


HOW COULD YOU !?
OUT OF MY WAY, SISTER! IT'S TIME FOR ME TO PREPARE NARUTAKI FOR TAXIDERMY!
I WON'T LET YOU!!
IS THAT SO ?

UNN-HH...
L--
LING...

THIS WAY HE'LL STAY A PRETTY BOY FOR ETERNITY.
BIT
I WON'T LET HIM GET OLD AND UGLY!

GOODBYE, NARU-TAKI. I HAD HOPED TO MAKE YOU MINE...
V/P
!!
OH WELL...
BL
A!!!
EEE!
A
MM

KA
BOOO
M

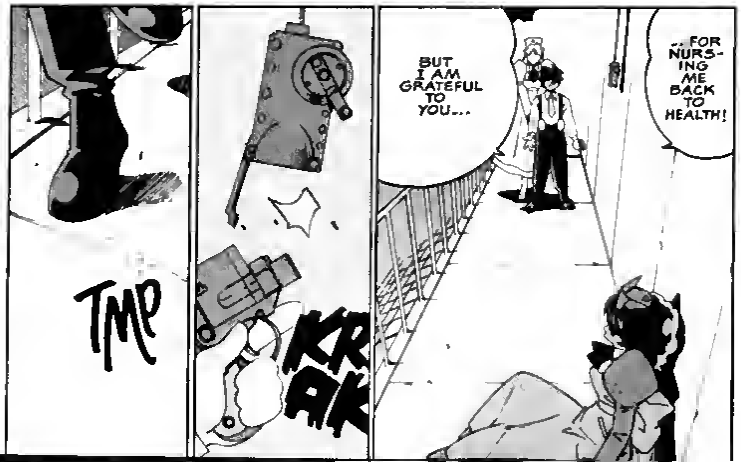
AIII EEE!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, LING LING !?!
NARU-TAKI !?!
LING LING !
HUH ?

NARU-TAKI... HERE !!
FU
MP
THANKS!
TUNK
NGH!
GRAK
SCCC
OOM
.....
.....
FWEEEEE
!!

AIII EEE E!
UD
WHC
KAH
TUNK
TMP
KLANG
KLANG
OH...
WHH
UMP
KRANK
KRANK
KRANK
KRANK

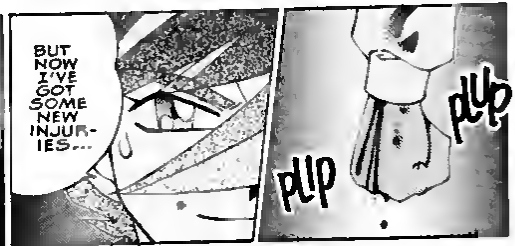
SORRY, BUT I AM NOT GOING TO BECOME YOUR STUFFED ANIMAL.
KRANK KRANK

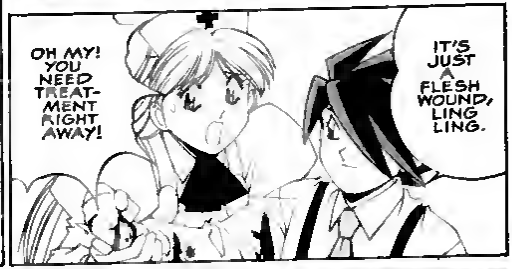
GRR RR..


TMP
KRAK
BUT I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU...
...FOR NURSING ME BACK TO HEALTH!

YOU'RE BACK TO YOUR OLD SELF, NARUTAKI!
YEP! THANKS TO YOU, LING LING.

HOW SWEET.


BUT NOW I'VE GOT SOME NEW INJURIES...
PLIP
PLIP


OH MY! YOU NEED TREATMENT RIGHT AWAY!
IT'S JUST A FLESH WOUND, LING LING.

.....
.....
FWEE
EEE
EE
EE
E

YOU'RE TRAPPED. BUT I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU.
FWEEEEEEEEEEE
FWEEEEEEEEEEE
YOU SAVED MY LIFE.
GIVE YOURSELF UP.
WHATEVER FOR?
I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG.
THAT'S RIGHT, NARUTAKI!
SHE HASN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG.
TEE HEE HEE.
VEEEEEN
VEEEEEN
WHY, IT'S--!!
VEEEEEN
SHE'S JUST A FREE SPIRIT.
VEEEEEEEEEE

BLAM
KR AK
ARR GH!
KA KLANG
NARUTAKI!
KA KLANG
LOOKS LIKE THIS JOB WAS A LITTLE OVER HER HEAD.
VEEEEEN
VEEEEEN
VEEEEEN
FOR-GIVE ME, LE BREAD.
I'LL JUST HAVE TO MOP UP!
BEGIN-NING WITH YOU, NARU-TAKI!
.....
.....

SAYONARA.
CHAK
TMP
WHA--!?
VVVIPPP

VOOP
VVPP
KLANG
GIVE IT UP!
GLON
GET DOWN, LING LING!
I SAID, GIVE IT UP!!
YA HA

KA
BLAM

HA HA HA..
SPLUTCH
NARU-TAKI !!
HOW DARE YOU DIS-FIGURE ME !?!

WHAT !?
ACHU
WHAT THE-- !?
NNNN
AIIEEEEEE!
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
!!
BOOMSH
DAMN IT!!
WE'RE LOSING ALTITUDE! LE BREAD !!
FWEEEE

FAAA
SSSHHH
OOO
SHOOM
LE BREAD !!
EEEEEEE
NARU-TAKI--
SSSHHH
OOO
SSSSS
SHOO

NARU-TAKI... WHAT HAP-PENED TO THEM...?
THEY PROBABLY GOT AWAY...
PROB-ABLY...
FFSSSSHH OOO
.....
....

FWEE EE
EE
EEE
EEE

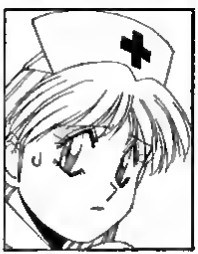
OUCH OUCH OUCH OUCH!
NARUTAKI
CAN'T YOU BE A LITTLE MORE GENTLE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I AM BEING GENTLE.
SNAPP
LANG LANG WAS GENTLER.
SIGH
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING, NARUTAKI?
RRGH
OH NO! NOTHING! I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING! HOLD ON! STOP! WAIT! NO, LING LING!!
GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE SO ENTHUSIASTIC!
CHAK
POINK
AAAARRRRGGH!!!
WHRR

STEAM DETECTIVES PRESS

WHAT'S THE STORY BEHIND BEAUTIFUL NURSES LING LING AND LANG LANG?

Who is Leng Lang, the nuree in black? Ie she the nurse cum secretary for the boy criminel Le Breed? More importantly, do Lang Leng end Ling Ling know eech other from the pest? What trenspired beween the two women? Why did they become nurses? Why does Lang Leng wear a black uniform? The mysteries continue to multiply! The only thing we know for sure is thet they both have nice figures And thet's certeinly noteworthy! Looks like we won't be eble to teke our eyes off the two beautiful nurses in the future! Next issue, we hope to provide you with e more in-depth report

Lang Lang



Ling Ling

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ROUND-THE-WORLD CRUISE
BY EMPRESS OF STEAM
FROM STEAM CITY... DEC. 1st

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We are finally approaching the long awaited finals of the Chiki Chiki Steam Machine Grand Prix! The teams have all arrived in the capital with their steam-powered vehicles, and are anxiously awaiting the competition. Due to last year's major accident, we anticipate that strong precautions will be taken this year. In any case, we are all looking forward to the annual Capital Steam Race. Be there on the 6th!!

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GAZE MY PASSION!
BOW UPON THE ART!
GOOD ENOUGH
CHUF
CHUF
OH!
HEE HEE HEEEE...
NO MATTER THE BEST HAS YET TO COME
EXCITED?
Quick release by
Kick The Kitty
+ few pages from Furous Puppet!